

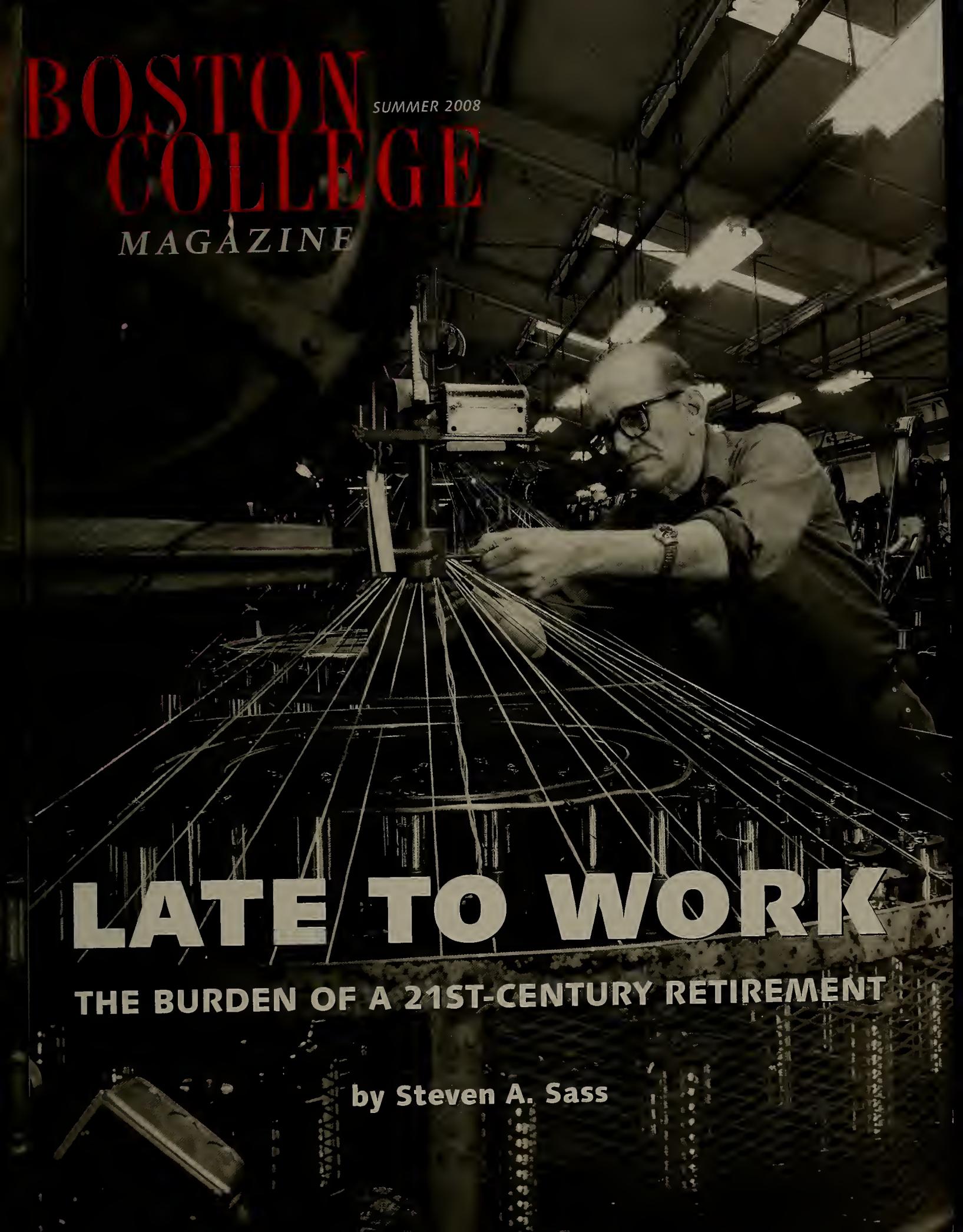
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THE BURDEN OF A 21ST-CENTURY RETIREMENT

by Steven A. Sass



PROLOGUE

OLD FASHIONED

ON FEBRUARY 22, 1905, DR. WILLIAM OSLER, AT THE point of leaving Johns Hopkins Hospital where he'd served brilliantly as chief of staff for 15 years, made a farewell speech to fellow clinicians, medical school staff, members of Baltimore's social and intellectual elite, and newspaper reporters who'd been assigned to see the great man off.

Osler's valedictory was by turns serious and droll. Delivered by a 55-year-old dynamo of invention and effectiveness (he dreamed up and installed, among other lasting innovations, the medical residency) who was leaving medical management for a soft and distinguished academic chair at Oxford, the speech's theme was the need for the continual refreshment of medical staffs with young doctors. It was a matter Osler had addressed previously, with no resultant controversy. Men between the ages of 25 and 40, Osler told his audience on this day, were at their most productive, while those over 40 were of "comparative uselessness," and those over 60 were suitable only for retirement with a good pension. Osler then cited "that charming novel," *The Fixed Period*, in which Anthony Trollope's "plot hinges upon the admirable scheme of a college into which at 60 men retired for a year of contemplation before a peaceful departure by chloroform."

That Osler meant these points to be reflective and not prescriptive is clear from his talk as a whole, which features several tongue-in-cheek references to his own fast-approaching senescence. (A Freudian might even say that the speech betrayed some guilt over abandoning Hopkins for a much less demanding post.) Few in the Baltimore audience were, in any case, dismayed by what he said, his reputation for ironic humor being as well known as his gifts for humane teaching and dazzling feats of diagnosis. The press however, seeing its humorless duty to warn the world of present danger and sell newspapers at the same time, responded with three-tiered headlines such as "FIXES LIMIT OF MAN'S USEFULNESS AT FORTY—Dr. Osler Asserts Belief That Value to the World Ends Then—SUGGESTS DEATH AT SIXTY."

The *New York Times*, in which that alarm rang on February 24, went on, as other newspaper stories did, to "prove" Osler wrong by offering up a list of men who accomplished much when past 60, not to mention 40, and noting, in a final righteous paragraph, that Osler himself had acquired "a great part of his fame" since landing at Hopkins in the very year in which he'd turned 40.

There followed, of course, editorials that sifted antiquity and *Who's Who* for prodigious Methuselahs—e.g., Columbus was

41 when he sailed—and letters to the editor attacking Osler, his knowledge of medicine, and even his textbook *The Principles and Practice of Medicine*, with one writer declaring that "Many medical authors have written works, when long past 60, that . . . cast [*Principles*] into the shade." (*Principles*, it should be noted, which first appeared in 1892, was a best-seller for decades, and was not cast into the shade by its publisher until 1947.) Elected officials got in on the act, with "Uncle Joe" Cannon, the 69-year-old speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, pronouncing to the press that he, in fact, felt "frisky." And to "oslerize" briefly and ignominiously entered the language, as in "please don't oslerize me, Doc."

HAD AN EMINENT SCHOLAR VENTURED OSLER'S VIEWS in 1705 or 1805 instead of 1905, not much would have been made of it—there just weren't a lot of sixty-year olds around—and not a great number of 40-year olds either. By 1900, however, life expectancy for men—while still well below 60—had begun to rise, from roughly 37 years of age in 1850 to 47 years of age—and so had fears that the growing gang of geezers, whose members could once have been set to shucking corn and collecting eggs on the family farm, would only stand in the way of progress and prosperity in an industrial age. The speech by Osler tread hard on this sensitivity. One of the country's most eminent physicians had now declared that men ought to be superannuated at some fixed point, or retired, as we now say—an action that prior to the 20th century was about as rare as it had been in Cro-Magnon times, and that, as the *Saturday Review* complained in 1903, capturing the horrified views of most American men, "simulates the forced inactivity of death."

Retirement did of course achieve differentiation from death, thanks largely to Social Security—which made it feasible—and to wonders such as penicillin and artificial heart valves (which made it likely). Osler's reputation as one of the great physician-teachers of modern times has prospered as well, with diseases, conditions, awards, two biographies, tens of thousands of web pages, and a medical library in Canada carrying his name. And his textbook, *The Principles and Practice of Medicine*, is back on the market, though under new authorship, of course, and doing very well. Editorial writers at the *Times* in 1905 would doubtless have felt vindicated.

Our story on the continuing struggle to come to terms with more years of life than history has prepared us for begins on page 40.

—BEN BIRNBAUM

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LETTERS

REAL PEOPLE

When I read Abebe Feyissa's personal recollection of life in a refugee camp in northern Kenya ("The Camp: A Report from Limbo," Spring 2008), I was struck by two thoughts.

The first, how poignant and powerful is his testimony about the real lives of real people. Don't lump these folks into the category of "refugees." They are like any of us. Yes, God willing, we will never be in that position—unless of course we happen to be poor and from New Orleans, or, more recently, from Iowa's flooded lands.

My second thought: Thousands of Iraqis who worked for our government, translated for our soldiers, or bailed our diplomats out of trouble are sitting in Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. They have had to flee for their lives, much like Mr. Feyissa. Are we going to leave them there to become disoriented, depressed, and bitter, their kids turning confused and angry?

If we start viewing everyone as hostile—even the people who worked for us—we are creating a tragic and dangerous situation.

Ken Hackett '68
Baltimore, Maryland

The writer is president of Catholic Relief Services.

The plight of the refugee as described by Mr. Feyissa is a tale of silence: silence from the refugees themselves, who are stripped of the opportunity to show they are not without humanity; and silence from an international community that seems to feel the emergency is over.

Providing protection for refugees is of utmost importance. Yet as Mr. Feyissa shows us, protection is only the tip of the iceberg. Refugees must have the opportunity to utilize their skills and rebuild their lives. They have the potential to benefit not only themselves and their families, but also the community that hosts them and the community they still call home.

I was heartened to see Mr. Feyissa's

story featured in *Boston College Magazine*. As an institution that is rooted in a Jesuit and Catholic heritage, Boston College is called to serve those whom the world has forgotten.

Philip Amaral, MSW'07
Brussels, Belgium

The writer works as a policy and advocacy officer for the European regional office of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

I know Kakuma Camp. I know Abebe Feyissa. The life of camp-confined refugees that he describes is real. It's remarkable that Abebe has managed to keep sane. It's this kind of account that we need in the midst of mind-boggling statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons. Refugees are people with names, faces, and stories—people like Abebe, Yayeh, Sara, Mohamed.

I believe quite strongly that with regard to refugee issues as well as other global crises those who are most affected should have the strongest voice. They should have a say in how rights denied and violated are to be restored and respected. Let Abebe's account be a call to the United Nations and the rest of the international community to improve the conditions of life in refugee camps and address the crises that create refugees in Africa and elsewhere.

A. E. Orobator, SJ
Nairobi, Kenya

The writer teaches theology and is the rector at the Hekima College Jesuit School of Theology and Peace Studies.

The Jesuit Refugee Service accompanies, serves, and advocates for refugees in 50 countries worldwide. We are pleased when our services prepare refugees to return home in dignity or start anew elsewhere; we are frustrated when refugees are forced to live in desperate conditions, without hope of a future. It is the denial of a future that hurts the most.

I am continually amazed by the ability

of human beings to overcome terrible suffering. Yet, it is not material assistance that gives them the strength to survive; it is a belief in something better. Seventeen years in Kakuma—with residents prevented from leaving the camp or working to support their families—is too much. The international community, particularly the government of Kenya and Western governments, needs to give these refugees a future.

*Peter Balleis, SJ
Rome, Italy*

The writer is international director of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

At its recently concluded 35th General Congregation, the Society of Jesus reaffirmed that "Africa" and "migration and refugees" should remain as two of the five special apostolic preferences for Jesuits and Jesuit institutions worldwide. Academic centers like Boston College's Center for Human Rights and International Justice can and do contribute to these efforts.

Through their scholarly publications and sponsored conferences, such centers provide leaders of the Jesuit Refugee Service and other NGOs with rigorous interdisciplinary analysis and opportunities for in-depth discussion that can assist them in addressing the complex realities they and their staffs must confront on the ground each day. They also play a crucial role in drawing public awareness to an ongoing crisis that many in the political and economic sectors of our society would rather ignore.

*Thomas J. Regan, SJ, '76
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts*

The writer is the provincial of the Society of Jesus of New England.

XAVIER U. AND SACRED HEART
Re "The People's Business" by James O'Toole (Spring 2008): If you ever need a reminder of the value of a Catholic education, visit Xavier University in New Orleans. I had the good fortune to be associated with Xavier from 1989 to 1997. Xavier is the only historically black and Catholic college in our country. It is first in the nation in graduating African-American students in the biological sciences, the life sciences, and physics, and

first in sending African-American graduates on to medical schools.

*Albert L. Hyland '60
Wayland, Massachusetts*

On page 19 of your spring issue, the caption next to the poster announcing an "Inter-Racial Sunday" event for Catholic college students identifies "Sacred Heart" as the Academy of the Sacred Heart. Would that the Academy in New Orleans in 1955 had been that forward.

Actually, the poster refers to the College of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau, in south central Louisiana. It was founded in 1914 as a two-year normal school to train rural teachers. When a four-year degree became a requirement for teachers in Louisiana, the school became the College of the Sacred Heart, in 1937. As the years passed, recruiting students and teachers to that remote location became increasingly difficult, and the school closed in 1956. The poster represents an interesting development in its history. A small number of black students enrolled in the college just two or three years before it closed. Even before that, there was a strong social justice group in the student body.

*Mary Blish, RSCJ
New Orleans, Louisiana*

CARTOONIST HERO

I want to thank you heartily for Todd DePastino's article on World War II cartoonist Bill Mauldin ("Behind the Lines," Spring 2008). The incessant small and healthily subversive acts of American soldiers are a common theme of World War II historians, including Stephen Ambrose and Paul Fussell. These acts helped our citizen-soldiers maintain some sense of humanity amid the inhumanity of total war. Mauldin certainly embodied a healthy subversion through his cartoons and, it seems after reading this article, through his personality.

*Kerry J. Byrne '92
Quincy, Massachusetts*

I left Boston College's Class of 1944 in my second semester of sophomore year, and served as a combat infantryman, private first-class, living in foxholes in Belgium, Holland, and Germany, from September to May. The cartoons of Bill Mauldin were a delight to all of us GIs. In our misery we

looked forward to his words. Thank you for bringing back the laughs.

*Hugh F. Daly '48, GSSW'50
Park Hills, Kentucky*

ZERO SUM

Re "National Debt" by David Reich (Spring 2008): What do we owe Iraq? A "fare thee well" and a hasty exit and nothing more. I want to reduce our casualties to zero. Not one more drop of blood.

As a Vietnam veteran (3rd Marine Division), I can remember generously throwing candy and c-rations to smiling children from our trucks when we first got there. The same Vietnamese kids cursed us and threw these offerings back at us when our pullback became obvious to them. I'm for disappearing altogether from Iraq overnight—soldiers, construction crews, and all.

*Phil Borden '74, MBA '76
Charleston, South Carolina*

PUCKISH PRIDE

The kids deserve the cover! A national title, three years in the national championship game—if this hockey team doesn't represent "Ever to Excel," I don't know who does.

*Jeff Mathias '00
Norwalk, Connecticut*

INTO THE MYSTIC

Re Colleen Griffith's article on Evelyn Underhill ("Foremothers: The Communicator," Spring 2008): When I was studying theology some years ago, Underhill was always there on the horizon, though I'm not sure how many read her. Mystical theology and mysticism were much neglected in favor of systematic and dogmatic theology. Now with respect to the mystical side of Christ's message and making his presence felt in this world, Griffith delivers Underhill's essence well: "Any authentic deepening in spiritual life should signal a widening of the heart . . . and more inclusive ways of thinking and being and loving."

*John J. Hollolan
Naples, Florida*

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The College of Arts & Sciences approved an **interdisciplinary major** in Islamic civilization and societies for the fall of 2008. ☉ With baking assistance from undergraduate volunteers and marketing counsel from CSOM students, Dining Services began selling a **chocolate chip** “Haley House” cookie that returns funds to the Catholic Worker–inspired Boston organization named in 1966 for the late alumnus Leo Haley. ☉ *USA Today* joined the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, and *New York Times* among the stacks of **free newspapers** available each weekday to students. ☉ The Carroll School of Management’s undergraduate program was judged 14th **best in the nation** in a *BusinessWeek* survey of more than 600 corporate recruiters. ☉ The National Council on Teacher Quality cited the Lynch School as **one of 10** education schools that prepare mathematics teachers particularly well. ☉ Monan Professor **Lisa Sowle Cahill** was awarded the 2008 John Courtney Murray Award by the Catholic Theological Society of America for her “contributions in diverse areas of Christian ethics.” ☉ The 17-story apartment building at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue was purchased by the University, which modified its proposed campus master plan to guarantee **housing** to all undergraduates, including 560 at the new facility. The University currently houses 80 percent of its students. ☉ Ending a tenancy in Brighton that began in 1929, the Roman Catholic **Archdiocese** of

Boston vacated its chancery building and the Creigh Library in July, the last two of the 10 buildings (along with 65 acres) that it had sold to Boston College over the past four years, and set out for new headquarters just south of Boston. “It’s like losing your grandfather,” Msgr. Paul L. Moritz, age 97 and the oldest serving priest in the archdiocese, told the *Boston Globe*. ☉ The Lexington [Massachusetts] Symphony Chamber Players delivered the premier performance of “Walden,” **opus 123** by music professor Thomas Oboe Lee, in June. Among its Thoreau-inspired themes, “Economy,” “Solitude,” and “Brute Neighbors.” ☉ Sylvia Crawley, a member of the 1994 NCAA champion team at the University of North Carolina, a player in both the ABL and the WNBA (and the winner of the ABL’s **slam dunk competition** in 1998) was named by Boston College to be head women’s basketball coach, a post she most recently held at Ohio University. ☉ Boston College’s newly founded School of Theology and Ministry is scheduled **to move** onto the Brighton Campus and into Peterson Hall, on August 15. ☉ Lynch School of Education Dean Joseph O’Keefe, SJ, gave an invited talk on the state of urban Catholic schools at a **White House** conference. ☉ And Dwayne Carpenter, professor of Romance languages, was invited to discuss his work on medieval Spanish literature and Sephardic (Spanish) Jewry with Infanta Doña Cristina, **daughter of**



DECORATED—Before members of the Reunion Class of 1958 and the graduating Class of 2008, Beatrice Capraro Busa '58 inducts William Gaine '08 into the Alumni Association, with a Boston College lapel pin. Following a champagne toast in which all raised their glasses to Boston College, the seniors received their pins en masse and listened to Fr. Michael Himes, whom they had voted to speak at the May 16 ceremony, which is destined to become an annual event. Himes summed up the University's mark on its graduates: "I don't know what will take you, but you won't die of boredom."

King Juan Carlos I of Spain. ☀ For every Hail Mary Berry Fat Free **Smoothie** sold at Ben & Jerry's stores in the Boston area, a dollar went to the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. ☀ Some 300 students attended the **Vegas-themed** Middlemarch Ball. ☀ Sixteen seniors won Fulbright fellowships, while two students were awarded Beckman Scholarships to support science research. And Kuong Ly, born a refugee in Vietnam—his family fled the Cambodian genocide—won Boston College's Edward H. Finnegan, SJ, Memorial Award, generally considered the most prestigious **senior award** made by the University. Ly, who intends a career in international diplomacy, picked up a Truman Fellowship in 2007. ☀ **Honorary degrees** were awarded at the May 19 commencement ceremonies to

Anne P. Jones '58, JD'61, a former commissioner of the FCC; historian David McCullough (who gave the commencement address); longtime Boston College administrator and charmer extraordinaire William B. Neenan, SJ; Jennie Chin Hansen Abrams '70, an award-winning elder-care planner and now president of AARP; and the bearded, brown-robed Celestino Arias '90, OFM Cap, who has worked with gang members in Boston and on AIDS prevention in east Africa. ☀ The **gasoline pump** that stood at the east rear corner of St. Mary's Hall and fed fuel to Jesuit vehicles for at least 40 years was removed along with its 1,000-gallon tank. ☀ Patriot Homebrew IPA, developed by novice brewer Adam Walsh '08, won an amateur **homebrew** contest sponsored by Boston

Beer Company (maker of Sam Adams) and will be on the New England market this fall. ☀ Provost Bert Garza announced that Boston College will seek to fill 44 faculty positions in 2008–09, including 19 that have been created as part of the University's strategic plan for **academic growth**. ☀ University trustees approved an operating budget of \$772 million for 2008–09, and an undergraduate **tuition** of \$37,410. ☀ A state agency has reduced the ankle challenging, mud splashing adventure of a jog around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir to a **carefree trot** along a 10-foot wide paved and stone-dust track.

Ben Birnbaum

For more on these stories, go to the online links at <http://bcm.bc.edu/digest>.



Team College Mogul (from left): Alex Lindahl '08, Miles Lennon, and Henry Khachatryan '08

The pitch

by Tim Czerwinski

Entrepreneurs venture forth

The young man at the front of the room, in dark slacks and a blue oxford shirt, cast a shadow on the projection screen behind him. "Who," he asked, "will be the next Microsoft, Google, Dell, or Facebook?" The speaker was Miles Lennon, a Columbia University senior, and he was standing with his business partners from Boston College, Alex Lindahl '08, a childhood friend, and Henry Khachatryan '08. With a PowerPoint presentation, they were pitching their Internet startup, College Mogul, a blog that profiles and tracks the business ventures of Generation Y entrepreneurs, loosely defined as individuals in or recently graduated from college.

Lennon's question was meant to be rhetorical, but it was of particular interest to the audience assembled on April 15 in a meeting room on the fifth floor of Fulton Hall—about a dozen neatly dressed students and six note-taking alumni and faculty seated at long tables strewn with

pens, water bottles, and stacks of papers. The occasion was the final round of the second annual Boston College Venture Competition, a contest in which student entrepreneurs vie for \$10,000 in seed money to start (or grow) a fledgling business. Five teams, whittled down from 20, were attempting to prove that they had what it takes to join Google (which was started at Stanford), Facebook (started at Harvard), and others, as the next successful company launched by college students.

The Venture Competition is organized by undergraduates at the Carroll School of Management, who, with help from faculty and staff, recruit judges and secure donations of prize money. The contest is intended to closely mirror the nerve-fraying process that entrepreneurs go through in seeking venture financing. Teams must develop detailed written business plans, including financial projections and market analyses, and deliver a 15-minute Power-

Point pitch before the judges. This year, the judges were Larry Begley '77, managing director of .406 Ventures, a firm that invests in information technology startups; Bill Geary '80, a general partner at North Bridge Venture Partners and chair of the Boston College Board of Trustees; Jim Kasinger '97, a partner at the law firm of Goodwin Procter who specializes in mergers and acquisitions and in venture capital and private equity transactions; Mike Naughton, chair of the physics department and himself the recipient of venture money for his energy technology company, Solasta Inc.; Carmel Shields '81, executive vice president of Shields Health Care Group; and Greg Strakosch, cofounder and CEO of TechTarget, an information technology media company.

Because the competition is open to all BC students, from accounting majors to theology majors, and because the required financial statements are esoteric and technical, the organizers paired each team of competitors with an alumni mentor experienced either in starting a business or in financing new ones. The mentors met with their protégés at least twice leading up to the competition, but they were not permitted to write any part of their business plan.

WHEN IT WAS HIS TEAM'S TURN TO present, Gerren Scoon '08 fiddled with the laptop connection to the projector while his partner, Kimberley Brunelle '08, shook hands with the judges and placed an information packet on the table before each. Group Runner, their startup, is a suite of Internet-based tools—chat room, calendar, marketing templates, a store for e-shopping—designed to help student organizations communicate and publicize events. As they finished their presentation, Brunelle and Scoon met a battery of questions from the judges. Who developed the website? How big could Group Runner be on a college campus? How widely used are competing products? Strakosch wondered if the idea would work better as a Facebook application, and Scoon replied without hesitation. "Groups do use Facebook as a means of communication, but it's not one of Facebook's established goals. . . . We feel that our ability to separate from Facebook and specialize in [communication] tools really gives us an advantage."

To Ken Carnesi '08, another competitor, the feedback from the judges was as valuable as the experience of putting together a business plan. Carnesi's startup was Anaptyx, a wireless Internet service for apartment buildings that he developed with his partner, John Rust '05. (Carnesi met Rust at his summer job with the brokerage firm A.G. Edwards. The competition's rules state that at least half of every team must be a current BC undergraduate.) Said Carnesi, "If we were to get one of those people to listen to our pitch individually, it would be a yearlong process—if we were able to at all. It's worth more than the money, for sure." Some competitors took away unexpected benefits from the contest. Carnesi and Rust were able to secure Kasinger's firm as their company's legal counsel; Elizabeth Wemhoff '09, whose startup, My College Body, was a health and fitness magazine geared toward college-age women, gained a summer job with her alumni mentor, Jere Doyle '87, founder, president, and CEO of Prospectiv, an online marketing firm.

All of the judges touched on the importance of presentation. Geary noted how enthusiasm in a presenter can rub off on potential investors. "That excitement becomes part of the interaction and is really inseparable from the core idea—which has to be compelling as well," he said. "But quite frankly, the idea can be less clear, and if it's presented well, people will want to take the next step and learn more."

Naughton told students that every successful pitch has a "wow" moment. For College Mogul, that moment came when the team revealed the number of visits its website had logged (4,678) since launching three weeks earlier. For Anaptyx, it was the presenters' demonstration of successful pilot programs in Boston, New Hampshire, and Washington, D.C. Geary and Naughton singled out Group Runner for its website's sophisticated user interface, developed from the ground up by Scoon.

BRUNELLE AND SCOUN'S PRESENTATION was the last of the afternoon, and after a period of deliberation (and a move downstairs for dinner), the winners were announced. In addition to \$10,000 for the best startup, at stake were \$3,000 and \$2,000 for second and third place (prizes

were donated by Brett and Sherrill Burger Kellam, members of the Class of 1981).

College Mogul was the big winner, with Group Runner taking second prize, and Anaptyx placing third. In explaining their decision, the judges noted that the College Mogul team benefited from coming into the competition with an active website (their blog averaged a post a day) and proof that their content was in demand. As Strakosch put it, "The ultimate test isn't getting funding. The ultimate test is, will customers buy what you're selling?"

Shields noted the role of perseverance. Lindahl and Lennon of College Mogul had been involved in Q-Note, a startup that won second prize in last year's competition. "That didn't help in the point scores, but perseverance does play a part in the success of any venture," she said. Heeding her words, the winners said they plan to funnel their award back into their product. Geary's advice to all the teams was to

"keep at it," and he directed it especially to the freshman partnership of Jamila Jones, Lizzie Korsgaard, Stephanie Shen, and Ji-Won Son, who entered the contest with In Connection, a system for helping businesses promote products to college students.

Developing a thick skin is another lesson the Venture Competition is designed to instill. "You're going to get a lot of nos on the way to getting yeses," said Strakosch. "Any time you're starting a business . . . it's not going to go the way you planned." According to Carroll School Dean Andrew Boynton, failure is part of entrepreneurial culture. "One of our challenges with our students is that they come in very focused on what they want to do, the path they want to pursue, and it's very well mapped out in their minds, to a detriment," he said in an interview. In entrepreneurship, "you can fail, and failure is a badge of honor. . . . It's a journey of uncertainty," Boynton said, "and that's a positive thing." ■

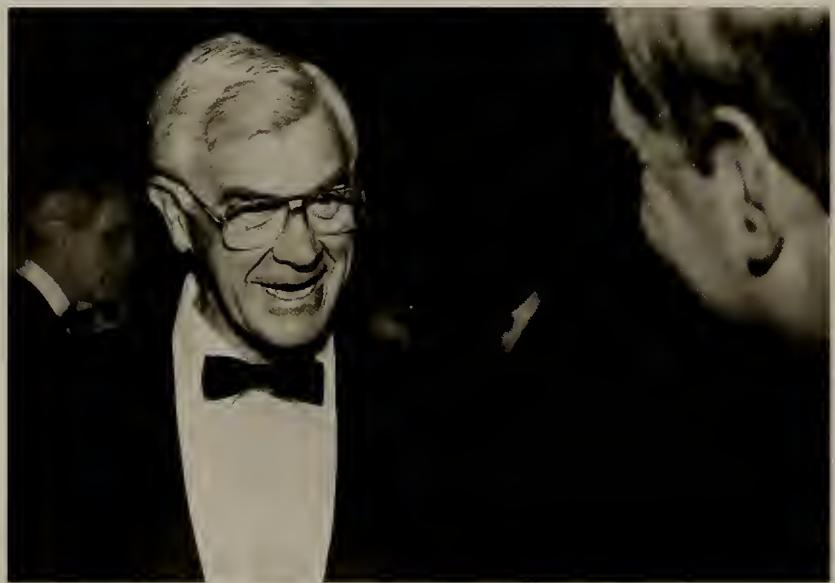
Big man on campus

Though a graduate of Cleveland's John Carroll University, a short drive along Lake Erie from his beloved hometown of Buffalo, Tim Russert became a part of the Boston College community when his son Luke enrolled in September 2004. Parents who are public figures are not unheard of at Boston College, but they mostly move discreetly from airport to hired car to campus to hotel and then back to airport. Mr. Russert, however, like an eager freshman, took advantage of every opportunity to bind himself to the University, flying up for football games, sitting through a public interview with the editor of the student newspaper on a sweltering evening in the Shea Room, flipping a BC cap onto his head on *Meet the Press*, and lending his capacious drawing power and journalistic abilities to public forums sponsored by the Church in the 21st Century Center. Whether in classrooms in which he made guest appearances to talk about journalism, or at a floor table in Conte Forum for Pops on the Heights, or chatting with students on the Dustbowl, Mr. Russert engaged Boston College with the ease and delight of a man who felt sure of his welcome, and not because he happened to be "Tim Russert of *Meet the Press*." "Today I'm here as a dad," he begged off on May 19, 2008, when a reporter approached him at Luke's graduation ceremony to ask for a comment on Senator Ted Kennedy's illness. "BC lost a friend," a senior administrator e-mailed me soon after the news of Russert's death was announced on the Friday afternoon of June 13. The sentiment was widespread. On Monday, I arrived at the office to find that a young alumnus in Washington, D.C., had gone to the trouble of photographing the floral tributes piled in front of the NBC studios and then e-mailing the jpeg to me, as though thinking Boston College, too, might want to bank those flowers against its front gate.



Father and son, Commencement 2008

—Ben Birnbaum



Flatley at the Boston College President's Circle Dinner in 1990

Old school

by Ben Birnbaum

Thomas J. Flatley (1931–2008)

At meetings of the Boston College Board of Trustees for nearly 30 years, Thomas Flatley stood out for his brogue, a haircut simple enough to have been acquired in a barber shop with a spinning pole beside the door and Clubman Pinaud on the counter, and suits that didn't call attention to their quality. About Mr. Flatley's suits, in fact, I'm going to guess that they were selected from the rack in a good department store and then conveyed to a storefront tailor in Mr. Flatley's hometown of Milton, Massachusetts, for pinning and chalking. "Is Thursday next week okay, Tom?" the tailor might have asked. And Tom would have said, "Sure."

Displays of modesty can be an affectation in a billionaire—which Mr. Flatley was—but in his case the display was of wrought character. A young man from Kiltimagh, in rural, central County Mayo, Mr. Flatley arrived in Baltimore in 1950

with \$32 in his wallet. After serving in the U.S. Army, he was discharged in Boston, where he chose to make his life, first as an electrical and refrigeration contractor. And then he built a small apartment building, then another, then hotels, office buildings, nursing homes, malls—buildings of solid utility and low profile and suburban location. He was not a man for downtown, for towers or champagne toasts. He was, as *Forbes* magazine once famously wrote, "the anti-Trump." At one point, he was reported by the *Times of London* to be the second richest Irish native living outside Ireland, and to hold the sixth largest real estate portfolio in the United States.

For the Board of Trustees, Mr. Flatley served many years as chair of the buildings and properties committee, and his presentations to the full board were models of swift cogency. Called to report, he'd say something like: "Mr. Chairman, the com-

mittee met with four general contractors and selected Acme from among them. Acme has a good reputation in the business and has done work for our competitors, and has proposed that they can build this residence hall for x dollars and y cents per square foot. That may seem a bit high in this market, where you can generally build residential property for $x-1$ dollars and y cents per square foot, but given the special conditions of this site and the time demands we are making on the contractor, we believe this is a fair deal and one we ought to accept."

If anyone ever chose to quibble with Mr. Flatley over these particulars, I don't recall it, nor do I recall that he often spoke on matters that came before the board that did not pertain to square-footage costs. He was built that courteous way, a man who seemed rooted in another, less restive time, when business leaders were expected to example an affection for family, church, nation, work, charity, prudence, and privacy.

FOLLOWING HIS DEATH ON MAY 17, a newspaper reporter recalled receiving a phone call some years ago from Mr. Flatley after she'd published a story about a local man who required, but could not afford, a wheelchair-accessible van. She first thought Mr. Flatley intended to contribute money toward the purchase; but no, he wanted to buy the van outright for the man. And then he put his secretary on the line to make the arrangements and went back to work. Mr. Flatley was similarly self-effacing in his other charitable undertakings, sometimes employing spotter intermediaries to identify and assist people who needed his money. At Boston College, which has cashed Flatley checks for some years, the name itself appears only on a professorship and fellowship in theology that Mr. Flatley named for his mother, Margaret O'Brien Flatley, and on an annual lecture in Irish Studies that carries his name.

Mr. Flatley dismantled much of his real estate empire in his last years and created a private charitable foundation with some of the proceeds. His final act of benevolence, however, seems to have been placing the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston in a 140,000-square-foot suburban office

building after the Church sold its Brighton campus to Boston College. When the *Boston Globe* asked Mr. Flatley whether he would be selling the structure to the archdiocese at market (\$14 million), he replied, "You don't charge God market rates." Well true enough, I thought on reading this, but what do you charge Him? Students of what's now called practical theology should note that Mr. Flatley's answer,

according to Registry of Deeds filings, turned out to be zero—or to be fussy about it, less than a hundred bucks. It was, as the reporter Lane Lambert of the *Quincy Patriot Ledger* nicely put it, Mr. Flatley's "last big deal."

Thomas J. Flatley leaves his wife, Charlotte, five children—four of whom hold degrees from Boston College—and 18 grandchildren. ■

Delinsky, like "the great Scottish historical novelist" Dorothy Dunnett (1923–2001), had taken up writing to create "more of the kind of books [you like] to read."

With disarming modesty, Delinsky, a delicate-featured blond, looking trim in a white textured jacket and tailored black trousers, responded, "I'll start by shocking you all and saying I'm not an avid reader. I cannot read when I'm writing, because I start writing in someone else's voice." She said she reads other people's books only on vacations.

"And I don't think my degrees in psychology [from Tufts University] and sociology [from Boston College] made me knowledgeable about people," Delinsky continued. "There was some instinct I had, was born with, maybe developed." Delinsky said she writes what she's "comfortable" writing, but it's "a very basic fact of commercial writing: You have to write something that your audience is going to like." As her writing has matured and her interests have broadened, Delinsky said, her fans have remained "amazingly loyal"—after all, over 28 years "they've grown, too. They're mothers and grandmothers and wives and successful business people, and they can appreciate the characters that I'm writing about."

While she lacks formal training as a writer, she said, she does have "formal training in living," as a mother of three (including twins) who lost her own mother to breast cancer at age eight and is a cancer survivor herself. "That's what makes my books strong," said Delinsky. "But I feel inferior to someone like you [Wilt] because I'm not well-read."

Of the dozen or so questions posed by Wilt, the one that seemed to resonate most with Delinsky had to do with women characters in her novels who, having succeeded professionally, still feel like impostors. The phenomenon is widespread enough in real life, noted Wilt, to have served as the topic of a much-publicized psychological study back in the 1970s ("The Impostor Phenomenon in High Achieving Women," by Pauline Rose Clance and Suzanne Imes). Before Wilt could finish framing her question, Delinsky was pointing energetically at herself.

Popular

by David Reich

From a best-selling author, lessons in writing for business and pleasure

With more than 70 books to her credit, including close to 20 *New York Times* best-sellers, Barbara Delinsky, MA'69 stands in the first rank of Boston College alumni who've made lucrative careers as novelists—a list that includes such prolific authors as Jean Walker Pogany, MA'73, who has written some 60, mostly best-selling, thrillers and romances under the name Catherine Coulter, and the late George V. Higgins '61, JD'67, famed for his depictions of the Boston underworld. On April 30, 2008, Delinsky returned to Boston College to speak about the writing profession and the commercial fiction business. Her onstage interviewer for the evening event in the Yawkey Center's Murray Room was English professor Judith Wilt, holder of the Newton College Alumnae Chair in Western Culture.

Delinsky, whose appearance was sponsored by the University bookstore and *Boston College Magazine*, drew an audience primarily female and largely beyond college age. Danielle Svendsen, 41, a self-described fan, had driven from her home in central Massachusetts for the occasion. Delinsky "deals with everyday

issues that could probably happen to anybody," said Svendsen, by way of explaining the author's appeal. Judging from their conversations beforehand and questions for Delinsky afterward, most in the audience had a close acquaintance with Delinsky's books, from the early romances through the longer, more fully developed novels that she writes today, *Family Tree* (2007) and *The Secret Between Us* (2008) being the latest. And most aspire to write books too.

WILT KICKED OFF THE EVENING BY calling Delinsky a "sociologist" and "the Mary Arnold Ward of [our] time." As Wilt explained, Mary Ward (1851–1920) wrote a book a year for 15 years in turn-of-the-century England, best-sellers that plumbed "the interaction of moral life, social life, and gender life." In this sense, Ward was "very much a student of the kind of thing that Barbara Delinsky is a student of," said Wilt. (Popular women authors—mostly of the 19th century—are a focus of Wilt's scholarship, and she wrote the book on Ward, *Behind Her Times: Transition England in the Novels of Mary Arnold Ward*, published in 2005.) Wilt then asked if

"When I start a book, I'm convinced I cannot write. . . . Everything I've picked up has been learned as I go along," she said. "There's always that sense of being the impostor." Later in the evening, she elaborated: "I'm not a literary writer," someone capable of breathtaking imagery or arresting prose. "I just understand people." And, she said, at another point, "I do have a mind for business."

In the late 1970s, after some years as a stay-at-home mother, Delinsky was looking for a way to help support her family when she happened upon a newspaper feature on romance novelists. ("I wish I could say I was driven to write," she says now, "but I wanted to earn money.")

Though unfamiliar with the genre, she read a few romances and found she liked them. Then she read some more—"30 or 40 of them." She outlined them: "Ten chapters, 20 pages per chapter. [In the beginning] man meets woman; at the end, they go off together into the sunset. . . . In between, there are all kinds of misunderstandings and challenges that could keep them apart, and they have to work through that." She tried the formula herself and succeeded, penning her first romance in three and a half weeks on legal pads supplied by her husband, a lawyer, while sitting in their backyard. She now spends nine months on a book and publishes a title per year.

DELINSKY'S VISIT TO BOSTON COLLEGE was billed as a Master Class, and she offered plenty of shoptalk, peppered with references to "PW" (*Publisher's Weekly*), and an article on "what's happened to old-fashioned editing"; Ken Follett, whose 150-page outline to *The Key to Rebecca*, she said, was a tighter, better telling of the story than the book turned out to be; Robert B. Parker, whose outlines may be only a sentence per chapter; and John Grisham, who said, if you can't write a page a day, you're not a writer. Author tours and airport sales were dissected, along with advertising ("a full-page ad in the *New York Times* costs somewhere in the vicinity of \$250,000") and the way that the work of selling books increasingly cuts into the writing of books. "Business takes about 30 percent of my time," said Delinsky. "It starts off every single morn-

ing with my website," where she maintains a blog; the marketing may continue with an online Q&A with fans and resume in the evening when she joins conference calls with book discussion groups around the country. ("I do this a lot. I was talking with a group the other night from Michigan.")

On the writer's craft, Delinsky's advice was hard-nosed and concrete, an amalgam of principles acquired from editors, agents, and long experience: Don't use three adjectives "when you can use two." "It's lovely" to have a cutting-edge idea, but "I always hedge my bets" (example: in *Family Tree*, her book in which a white couple gives birth to a black baby, the subject is not race or DNA testing, said Delinsky; it's

"hypocrisy"). The opening of a story "has to be dynamite"—if prospective editors and agents trip over chapter one, they won't read further. "You don't tell the reader, you show the reader, and dialogue is great for that." And two points of view are better than 10; try to write every scene from the point of view of the character "who has the most at stake in that scene." Delinsky was notably firm on that last point. "You need to be where the high emotion is. That's what defines my books." ■

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The best armada in America

There are three national championships in collegiate sailing decided each spring. This year, Boston College claimed two of them. Only one team has ever done better—the U.S. Naval Academy, which won all three titles in 1991.

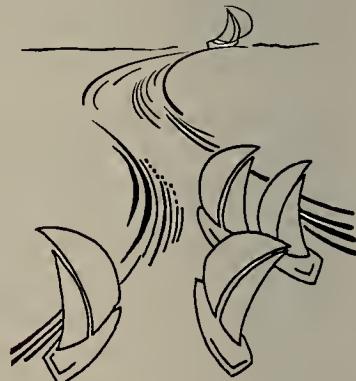
In late May and early June, the Boston College sailing team won the Intercollegiate Sailing Association national championships in the women's and coed team-racing divisions, and came tantalizingly close to sweeping the proceedings in Newport, Rhode Island, finishing in second place behind Georgetown in the coed dinghy championship. Coach Greg Wilkinson called his team's showing one of the best in college sailing history. "Other teams have won two of the three championships, but none besides Navy have done as well in all three," he said.

In recognition of this dominating performance, Boston College was awarded the Fowle Trophy, given to the team of the year at the national championship regatta, a first for the Eagles. Six Boston College sailors—seniors Reed Johnson and Emily Flint and juniors Brian Kamilar, Adam Roberts, Carrie Amarante, and Andrew Schneider—were named to the All-American team. Elizabeth Kempton '09 was an honorable mention selection. In addition, Roberts was named the New England Intercollegiate Sailing association sportsman of the year. Both the women's and coed teams finished the season at the top of their respective *Sailing World* magazine college sailing polls.

The championships are the first for the BC sailing program, and the women's team championship marks the first for the University in any women's sport. The sailing team joins the 1949, 2001, and 2008 men's hockey teams and the 1940 football team as the squads in Eagles history that have captured a national championship.

Collegiate sailing is a two-season sport. In the fall, teams compete in men's and women's singlehanded events and race sloops, larger boats with a crew of three sailors. Last November, Reed Johnson placed second in the men's singlehanded championship, held at the University of Washington, and the Eagles took second at the sloop national championship in Fort Worth, Texas.

—Tim Czerwinski





3-D

CLOSE-UP: HAPPY THOUGHTS

A little over a decade ago, researchers began using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to study the brain at the instant a memory is formed. Elizabeth Kensinger, an assistant professor in Boston College's department of psychology, first started working with fMRI scans in 1998, as a graduate student at MIT. The images above are from her ongoing research into how people remember emotional experiences, and how that process changes as people age. Her work is conducted at Massachusetts General Hospital and at her laboratory in McGuinn Hall.

The grouping of images at left shows a series of MRIs—parallel “slices” from the bottom to the top of the brain (notice the eye sockets in the first few). Kensinger inputs the slices into a computer program that essentially stacks them atop one another, enabling her to see the brain as a 3-D representation or to re-slice it and examine it from another angle. Overlaid onto the slices above is color-coded data from an fMRI scan, showing spikes of brain function as the subject looks at a picture. When neurons are activated, they

call for oxygenated blood, which has different magnetic properties than non-oxygenated blood. An MRI, which works by passing a huge magnet over the area in question, is able to pick up this difference and thus pinpoint where neurons in the brain are firing at a particular moment.

The 3-D image at right is from an experiment in which Kensinger measured the brain activity of 20 young adults (ages 18–35) and 20 older adults (ages 64–80) while they were viewing a series of pictures designed to elicit a positive or negative emotional response—a smiling baby, say, or a snake about to strike. Later on, she showed the subjects the same pictures along with new ones to test whether they could correctly recall the images they'd seen. She then looked back at the initial brain data from the fMRI scans, to see which parts of the brain were most active when the subjects were processing the images they would end up remembering.

Kensinger and researchers elsewhere have found that older adults often show a “positivity shift in memory”—that as

people age, they become better at remembering positive, or pleasurable, information than negative. The image at right, a frontal view of the brain, combines data from young and old subjects and highlights some of the processes behind that shift. The areas marked in red—most of them in the prefrontal cortex, where thinking about the meaning of information takes place—are activated as adults of all ages form pleasurable memories. The green areas are activated too—but only in older adults, signifying that older people engage additional areas of the brain to aid in remembering positive information. The green areas are all within the medial prefrontal cortex and cingulate gyrus, parts of the brain used to connect new information to prior experiences. And that, says Kensinger, raises some questions: “Do older adults link positive new information to their autobiographical experiences more often than young adults do, thereby creating a richer, more integrated, memory? And do they focus their attention more readily on positive information because they find it more rewarding than young adults do (because they can link it to past experiences), which then increases the likelihood that the information will be transformed into a stable memory?” Kensinger will continue her investigations as a 2008 Searle Scholar. The award supports independent research by young faculty in the biomedical sciences and chemistry.

—Katie Bacon

Katie Bacon is a writer in the Boston area.



McCarthy (in glasses) with, from left, Dan Esposito '10, Professor Jorgensen, and Riley Madincea '11

A Fleabagger returns

by Jane Whitehead

The many roles of Tom McCarthy '88

As it turned out, majoring in philosophy was a smart move for Tom McCarthy '88. For among many observations the actor/director shared during two days at Boston College this past April was the need to be philosophical about life, especially if you're starting out in the entertainment business. "You do have moments when you wonder if you're kidding yourself," he said, recalling his early, largely unemployed days in New York City at the beginning of the 1990s, when he had the leisure to observe that the only people wandering around Central Park from nine to five were "homeless people, tourists, and actors."

McCarthy was on campus to attend the April 25 screening of his second feature film, *The Visitor* (2007), during the 10th annual Boston College Arts Festival, and to receive the Boston College Arts Council

Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement. The award is presented each year at the festival, and past winners have included comedian Amy Poehler '93, photographer James Balog '74, and Paul Daigneault '87, director of the SpeakEasy Theater in Boston.

Since graduating from Boston College and the Yale School of Drama, McCarthy has established himself as an actor in theater, film, and TV. His most notable recent successes have been as a film writer and director; his first project, *The Station Agent*, was a surprise independent film hit in 2003. The story of a dwarf who inherits a dilapidated railway station, it featured Bobby Cannavale, Patricia Clarkson, and Peter Dinklage. The movie won the Audience Award and the Waldo Salt Screenwriting Award at the Sundance Film Festival that year and earned

Clarkson a Special Jury Performance Award; it also garnered the British Academy of Film and Television Arts award for best screenplay and a cluster of other prestigious nominations and film festival prizes in the United States and abroad.

AMONG THE 300-PLUS WHO HAVE gathered under a big-top tent on O'Neill Plaza in the evening chill to watch *The Visitor* and hear McCarthy speak is economics professor Frank McLaughlin '54. He's curious to see the film, he says, because the main character is, like himself, a professor of the dismal science. And as the father of a filmmaker—his youngest son David McLaughlin '85 is seeking a distributor for his movie *On Broadway*, which took second place among first features at the 2007 Galway Film Festival—he is interested to hear how McCarthy has navigated this notoriously uncertain profession. Patrick Quinn '08, a finance major, has made a few films too, all shorts, and is an avid reader of screenplays. He's there to listen because McCarthy "is living the dream," he says. "I'm passionate about it, but I have to do it on the side."

Like *The Station Agent*, *The Visitor* is a leisurely paced, intimate study of character and unexpected relationships. Following its premiere at the 2007 Toronto International Film Festival, Overture Films, a subsidiary of Liberty Media, snapped up distribution rights for more than \$1 million. Chosen as a Critics' Pick by the *New York Times*, the film has continued to gather media acclaim since its nationwide release in April 2008. In his review, *Times* critic A. O. Scott sketches the plot as "the tale of a square, middle-aged white man liberated from his uptightness by an infusion of Third World soulfulness, attached to an exposé of the cruelty of post-9/11 immigration policies." Scott acknowledges that such a barebones account belies the "impressive grace and understatement" with which McCarthy is able to "resist potential triteness and phony uplift."

The visitor of the title is Walter Vale (Richard Jenkins), a depressed, widowed economics professor at Connecticut College, whose life is jolted out of its joyless rut when he meets a pair of young

illegal immigrants who have rented his rarely visited Manhattan apartment. Through this tentative connection with the couple—Syrian drummer Tarek (Haaz Sleiman) and his Senegalese girlfriend, Zainab (Danai Gurira)—Walter begins to come back to life, learning to play the djembe drum and rediscovering New York in Tarek's friendly wake.

After Tarek is picked up by police in the subway and dispatched to a detention center for illegal aliens, Walter discovers a new geography of despair, in which relatives and friends of detainees hang out in a seedy diner in the shadow of a windowless building, hoping for news of their loved ones. Tarek's mother, Mouna (Hiam Abbass), worried about the lack of news from her son, arrives in New York from her home in Michigan, and an awkward courtship blossoms between her and Walter. There's no Hollywood ending, however, and the film seems to leave the Arts Festival audience thoughtful rather than cheering, though the applause is enthusiastic.

MCCARTHY RECEIVES A ROARING welcome when he bounds to the microphone at the front of the stage to answer questions. He's boyish looking, with cropped hair and glasses, and he's wearing a black jacket and shirt and dark blue jeans. His first foray into performance was with the Boston College improvisation troupe My Mother's Fleabag, and his quick-fire delivery still has the energy of stand-up comedy.

"Are you going to make us wait five years for the next movie?" someone asks. "I'm a really slow writer, and for that I blame my education at this university," he replies, to laughter. To a student who asks whether it's true that Walter, the failed professor, displays a diploma from Boston University on his office wall, McCarthy jokingly responds, "You're an agitator." Then he adds, "It's important to point out that Walter hasn't achieved everything he wanted in life," to another round of laughter.

After weeks on the interview circuit promoting the film, McCarthy has fluent answers to most of the stock questions. The idea for the film began with the character of Walter, he says, and Tarek's char-

acter evolved from people he met on a trip to the Middle East in 2004 to promote *The Station Agent*. When asked how he balanced the characters' personal stories with the immigration issue, he says, "First and foremost, my job is to tell a story. I didn't want it to be 'the immigration movie'." But once it became clear to him that the treatment of illegal aliens was an important part of the story, he researched the invisible bureaucratic world of detention centers by joining a church group that organizes visits to centers in Queens and New Jersey.

"How do you go from being a student at Boston College to making movies in L.A.?" asks Patrick Quinn, he of the professed filmmaking ambitions. McCarthy recounts how after college he and fellow Fleabaggers, including Maile Flanagan '87 and Nancy Walls '88, moved to Minneapolis, where there was a thriving arts scene but not the intense competition he would later find in New York. "All we did was write and perform," he says. He describes how, coming from conventional family backgrounds, the group had a shared sense that life as professional artists was daring and mysterious. Flanagan and Walls would themselves go on to successful careers in entertainment, Flanagan winning a Daytime Emmy in 2006 for her voice-over work as the title character on the PBS cartoon show *Jakers! The Adventures of Piggley Winks*, and Walls appearing as a regular on *Saturday Night Live* and as an occasional correspondent on *The Daily Show*.

Back then, however, "We didn't know anybody who did this for a living," says McCarthy. "It was like talking about being a communist."

MCCARTHY RETURNED TO THIS theme the next day, in a late afternoon *Inside the Actor's Studio*—style interview with associate professor Luke Jorgensen '91. "My whole family did the business thing," he explained. His older brother Jay '84 went from Boston College to Morgan Stanley; younger brother Bill '92 would head to EMC Corporation. When McCarthy announced his intention to pursue acting, his parents were not entirely thrilled. In a story recounted by Flanagan, McCarthy's mother and father came to see

him perform improv on Cape Cod the summer after graduation, "and I can tell you one thing, Tom's dad was not happy. We could feel the white-hot fire of a thousand suns directed at us on stage." Still, McCarthy's family always supported him in his choice. When he moved to New York in 1993 his brothers let him stay in their apartment, paying rent when he could. "I lived on their generosity and kindness," he admits.

McCarthy built his career initially as an actor, and still considers himself primarily an actor. His film credits include *Flags of Our Fathers*, *Syriana*, *Good Night and Good Luck*, *The Year of the Dog*, and *Meet the Parents*. Asked by Jorgensen what kind of roles he's offered these days, McCarthy replies, "Right now, I'm on a string of weasels." First among the weasels would be Scott Templeton, the self-promoting journalist he played in HBO's critically acclaimed series *The Wire*. Comparing the various dimensions of his crafts, McCarthy describes writing and directing as "a more consuming process, though sometimes more satisfying," while acting gives him the luxury of watching directors like George Clooney, Peter Jackson, and Lukas Moodysson at work.

"Are you tempted to get back into improv?" asks theater major Riley Madincea '11, a current Fleabagger. "I would be terrified to do improv again," McCarthy responds. "I just have to wait and see what comes up in the acting arena." His most recent role finds him in the company of Clive Owen and fellow Yale alumnus Paul Giamatti, in a corporate espionage thriller under the direction of Tony Gilroy. According to McCarthy, it has involved three consecutive night shoots in which his character is bound and gagged by Julia Roberts.

"Did you kiss Julia Roberts?" asks Jorgensen.

"She came very close to my face," McCarthy deadpans, "and then she wrapped it in tape."

Clearly the former Fleabagger hasn't lost the art of improv. ■

Jane Whitehead is a writer in the Boston area. Luke Jorgensen's interview with Tom McCarthy may be viewed in its entirety at www.bc.edu/frontrow.

Assigned reading

COURSE: PO 669—Leadership

by Professor Robert Faulkner

COURSE DESCRIPTION

We begin with an attractive American example: the inexperienced 34-year-old Harry Truman commanding a battalion of 194 men in World War I. Next we consider two models much discussed in the academy: the "expert" trained in policy science and the "charismatic" leader, as defined by the seminal German social scientist Max Weber (1864–1920). But two narratives comprise the core of the reading. One profiles Ataturk, the general who founded the modern Turkish republic; the other, by the ancient philosopher Xenophon, recounts how the author himself led an army of 10,000 Greeks, trapped by the Persians somewhere south of present-day Baghdad, more than 1,000 miles across largely hostile territory toward safety.

REQUIRED BOOKS

Truman (1992)
By David McCullough, H'08

Chapter four of McCullough's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography recounts Captain Truman's transformation of a recalcitrant artillery battalion, in 1918 in eastern France. It is a demonstration of leadership firm but fair. "Stirred heart and soul," as Truman described himself, by Woodrow Wilson's call to make the world "safe for democracy," this Missouri farmer volunteered for service out of a sense of duty and out of ambition to be a hero. Terrified at first of his rowdy troops, he demoted the ringleaders and malcontents and then mixed steady discipline with care, provision, and friendliness. Truman protected his men from a domineering and profane superior ("no gentleman," he said) who ordered a pointless double-time march up a long hill. And he fired cunningly on an enemy incursion outside his allotted area, though he risked court-martial. He grew fond of his troops and they of him. Truman maintained order while acknowl-

edging that "justice could be a tyrant" and was proud of not losing a soldier in battle. The experience of authority sobered this good man's military ambition and awakened his political ambition.

Bureaucrats, Policy Analysts, Statesmen: Who Leads? (1980)
Edited by Robert Goldwin

Can the soul of good leadership be anatotomized into a "policy science"? In eight essays assembled by Goldwin, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, prominent students of leadership debate the pros and cons of the quantitative approach now influencing schools of public affairs. Those pro contend that quantitative methods and formal modeling are necessary to serve expanded modern government and to remedy the deficiencies of common sense. They cite, variously, the need to calculate the impact of social programs and the advantage of an administrator's trained appraisal over the intuitions and values of politicians or statesmen. Those con dwell on the necessity of good judgment. They contend that social scientists' efforts to quantify effects rarely work and are in any case largely beside the point. One author, reviewing the 1977–78 struggle in Congress over natural gas policy, concludes that the massive econometric studies produced by legislative staffers harmed, rather than helped, debate. All those numbers baffled Congressmen and discouraged reexamination of clashing assumptions. Two final essays point to the deterioration of our country's founding political science of popular consent and constitutional government. This tradition has been weakened not only by notions of scientific management but also by a simpler populism fueled in part by polling. Both developments slight the statesman's educative role and the moral component of leadership, especially the duty that goes with office.

"Politics as a Vocation" (1919)
By Max Weber
In *Essays in Sociology* (1947), translated by H. H. Gerth & C. Wright Mills

This lecture, delivered at Munich University two months after the end of



Harry Truman

World War I, helped turn “charisma” from a religious term into a political one. While Weber was instrumental in shaping social science into a pursuit of verifiable fact, he believed that in life and politics values were paramount. In “Politics as a Vocation” he classifies leaders as either traditional (ancient patriarchs and monarchs), rational and rule-bound (modern administrators), or charismatic. But he commands especially the charismatic leader who draws people to some value, some “cause,” outside the ordinary. Such leaders—Robespierre, Luther—are not mere glory-seekers, but neither are they statesmen in the usual, governmental sense; they are, Weber says, “prophets of revolution,” “crusader[s], religious and political alike.” Weber encourages Germany’s students to work for the “future of socialism” and international peace. Still, his tone is dark, and not only because he foresees a resurgence of the political right in his country. Weber knows that the revolutions he recommends will have terrible and bloody costs, and he supposes also that revolutionary fervor will be fleeting, greed and selfishness abiding. Nevertheless, he doesn’t question whether revolution is worthwhile. Unlike Truman, he can take little pleasure in statesmanlike provision for a decent community.

Ataturk (1964)

By Patrick Kinross

Mustafa Kemal (1881–1938), better known as Ataturk—meaning “father of the Turks”—exemplifies a successful modern revolutionary who tended to the republic he founded. In 1919, as the European victors were carving up the defeated Ottoman state, and the sultan (and Muslim caliph) Mehmed VI reigned in Istanbul, Kemal started a nationalist government in Ankara, 300 miles nearer to what is now Turkey’s geographic center. Within three years he’d driven the European powers from Anatolia (Asiatic Turkey) and sent the sultan into exile. More rational, humane, and hopeful than Weber’s cherished revolutionary, Kemal disdained communism and fascism and held his cause to be a strong (but not imperial) nation, a representative republic, and progress in the modern secular mode. A dictator, he nonetheless unfolded his

plan to transform Turkey’s people in prudently calculated stages. As Kinross relates with a novelist’s flair, Turkey became a school, and Kemal its schoolmaster. Between 1924 and 1934, Kemal abolished



Mustafa Kemal

the religious courts and schools; in new state schools he replaced the supra-national traditions of Islam with a positivistic curriculum and a grand history of the Turks, which he devised; he promoted universal literacy; and he fostered economic enterprise and self-reliance. Kemal also directed the emancipation of women (setting an example, he danced in public with his unveiled wife), and gave them the vote. He replaced the Arabic alphabet with the Latinate, cleansed Arabic and Persian words from the Turkish language, and replaced the Muslim holy day of Friday with Sunday as the official day of rest. Kemal had a warm spot for ordinary Turks, but his fierce resoluteness in the cause of modernization sacrificed many on battlefields (against the rebellious Muslim Kurds, for example) and provoked a deep and enduring religious resentment.

The Anabasis of Cyrus (c. 380 B.C.)

By Xenophon

Translator, Wayne Ambler, 2008

Xenophon (c. 430–c.350 B.C.) was an Athenian and, with Plato, one of the two leading students of Socrates. *Anabasis* means ascent, and this history is ostensibly about the rise of Cyrus the Younger, a Persian prince who battled his brother for the throne. But it is more about the ascent of Xenophon himself. He first appears in the narrative as a gentleman-adventurer accompanying Cyrus’s mercenary Greek army. But after Cyrus is killed by his broth-

er’s troops, and the Greeks’ commanding generals are trapped and beheaded, Xenophon rouses the disheartened soldiers and they make him their guiding general. What follows is a lesson in leadership within limits—external and self-imposed. True to his Socratic education, Xenophon proves neither foolishly impulsive nor thoughtlessly trusting. He knows that humans can differ in what they think right and good, and so he appeals in his speeches to both honor and the common desire for safety and gain. While preferring to use quickness and deceptive tactics against the Persians, he fights head-on when need be; and while preferring to persuade and inspire his men, he punishes the slack and is quick to defend his predominance against slanders and plots. Xenophon never forgets the importance of justice and piety, but he recognizes superior force. Because Sparta rules Greece at this time, he makes a point of sharing preeminence with a Spartan, and as the army nears Greece he keeps his



Xenophon

increasingly disgruntled soldiers obedient to Sparta’s officials. Though as a leader he sometimes saw the need for subterfuge, Xenophon was neither as ruthless nor as careless with human blood as Kemal, probably because he lacked Kemal’s devotion to a “cause” and his political ambition. Kemal, his public work largely accomplished, turned increasingly to alcohol and women. Xenophon departed the public arena when he could, probably for a philosophic life (he wrote four charming accounts of Socrates). A Socratic general, he was more Socratic than general. ■

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BORDER CROSSED

For a year the author aided illegal immigrants who found their way to Annunciation House

BY CHARLES VERNON '98

PHOTOGRAPHY BY CAROLYN BOWMAN

IT IS 11:30 P.M. AND I HAVE JUST DRIFTED FROM EXHAUSTION INTO SLEEP, when the Annunciation House doorbell rings. The sound is loud and obnoxious, like the bell that signaled classes in my high school, and it emanates from a strategic location near my bed. The ringing is incessant and I start to get annoyed. Fumbling with my clothes and keys, I stagger from the night-duty bedroom into the office.

No one is waiting outside the office door, meaning that no emergency or triviality has compelled one of our guests to ring the bell there, an hour and a half past bed-check. Instead, the source is beyond the outer door, which I open to a middle-aged and slightly overweight Hispanic man who is already talking excitedly in staccato Spanish. Thankfully, despite my lack of fluency, I am able to understand most of what he is saying. He's a little rattled. He says he's just crossed, that he stayed at the House 12 years ago and knows Don Ruben (Ruben García, Annunciation's director), that he has a young woman with him, that he's from Honduras,

that someone gave him a ride, that his name is Antonio. *Está bien señor, vaya tranquilo, se puede quedarse acá*, I say. It's okay, calm down, you can stay here.

Annunciation House, where I've been working for a year, is some 10 blocks from the Mexican border, in downtown El Paso, Texas. It is an emergency shelter and, in effect, a way station for undocumented immigrants. It contains 54 guest beds, in three separate dormitories for men, women, and families and a room for unaccompanied minors. Six small rooms accommodate the live-in volunteers, along with the night-duty room. The two-story, red brick building also has

The photographs for this article were taken at Annunciation House, except for the image on page 23, which was taken at Casa Vides.

a central office area, a small clinic, two kitchens, a large dining area, and a common room. Laundry is hung on the roof, which also serves as a haven for smokers (who risk being picked up by immigration officers if they loiter on the street); on holidays and other special occasions, the roof becomes a place for socializing and dancing. There are cavernous storage areas for food and donated supplies in the basement, and an extensive clothing bank. On any given night, between 15 and 60 immigrant guests sleep at the House, as volunteers call the place. There is also an overflow house, Casa Vides, named for two Salvadoreños who championed workers' rights and lost their lives in the 1981–92 civil war. Located a 20-minute walk across town from Annunciation, it is often used for guests who have official business with the U.S. government, such as a petition for political asylum.

As Antonio speaks, I walk around the corner of the building, curious about the young woman he has mentioned. I see a gleaming Ford F-250 pickup hulking, motor running, at the

process that takes far longer than it should because Antonio breaks into nearly all of Amalia's sentences and prattles on incessantly, pausing only to admonish her to hurry up. Maybe because I am tired and my defenses are low, he comes across benignly, as bumbling but solicitous of Amalia's welfare. Eventually I find them beds, Antonio in the men's dorm and Amalia in the women's, and I can lie down again myself.

The following day, Antonio leaves without saying goodbye, and I can't decide who he was. An overbearing uncle figure? A sexual opportunist who took advantage of a desperate young woman? An aging migrant worker fallen on hard times and returning to the land of opportunity? An honest coyote (smuggler) even, earning his pay by delivering his charge? Was he a Hondureño at all, or a passable Mexican thespian whom Amalia had just hired, with money or worse, to smuggle her across the border from Juarez, El Paso's sister city on the Mexican side? I will probably never know, which is okay. I'm used to that now. In two days, I'll finish my

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curb. I can't make out the driver in the shadows. A small young woman—or girl, maybe—edges toward me. *Como se llama usted?* I ask her. What's your name, Miss? She looks at me with a bemused smile and after a long pause answers, Amalia. After a few more simple questions—are you with this man? where are you from? how are you feeling?—and her halting, vague answers, I begin to wonder if she is in shock.

I usher the pair inside to the kitchen, sit them down, and prepare hot drinks and plates of beans and rice, as Antonio continues his monologue. I am not sure what to make of these two. From Amalia's accent—the soft s, the sing-song cadence—I gather that she is not from Mexico and is probably a Hondureña. The pair are not related, but Antonio says that he knows Amalia's parents, that as a favor to the family he has accompanied her through Mexico, helping her to cross two borders illegally. He tells me that Amalia has been raped along the way, and she does not deny this. She wears battered high heels, once brown; when she pries them from her feet, she reveals a bloody mass of bruises and blisters, which I do my best to treat.

Later, I take Amalia and Antonio downstairs to the clothing bank so that Amalia can get socks and shoes that fit, a

yearlong stint at Annunciation, which I began in April of 2007. I'll leave Amalia and the rest of the guests behind, and this puzzling encounter will seem a fitting coda to my experience there.

STAFFED BY VOLUNTEERS WHO COMMIT TO A YEAR and by college students who stay for a summer, and supported entirely by private donations (government funding would render its work untenable), Annunciation House was started in 1978 by five young Catholics from El Paso. They received the building, which is located at the corner of a chaotic five-way intersection, from the local diocese. Ruben García told me that he and the other four founders did not move in with plans to create a refuge for undocumented immigrants. But, he says, "as we looked at the world around us," including the two shelters already operating in El Paso, "we came to realize that in this border community, undocumented immigrants, the poor in migration, were not allowed to even have a place to sleep."

Throughout the 1980s, the House was primarily a refuge for Guatemaltecos and Salvadoreños escaping the civil wars and atrocities in their home countries. There were often



more than a hundred guests from Central America in a night, and it was frequently necessary to turn away Mexican migrants—drawn to U.S. jobs rather than propelled by violence at home—at the door. This changed in the 1990s, as the civil wars ended. The typical guest became a Mexican or Central American in search of greater economic opportunity, with a family to support back home.

A staff of, ideally, four to six volunteers live and work in the House under García's direction, alongside local El Pasoans who donate a day or two of their time each week. There is also a small "core group," who have completed a year of volunteer service and continue to work for the House full-time while receiving a monthly stipend. These individuals manage the accounting and office work and take on community outreach, including leading weeklong Border Awareness Experience trips for student and church groups from around the country. The guests of the House do all the cooking and clean up after meals, while the live-in volunteers are responsible for weekly and permanent assignments such as sorting donations, maintaining the clinic, and doing the house laundry. The live-ins also rotate shifts in the office, answering the phone and the door, receiving new guests and

donations, and otherwise dealing with the myriad requests, problems, and surprises that arise throughout the day.

Though founded with the help of the diocese, the House is an independent nonprofit. The diocese, while philosophically supportive of the House's work, is not involved in its administration, and provides no financial assistance. Because Annunciation House does not have the budget to hire professionals, there is no guarantee that tremendously useful personnel such as nurses, social workers, lawyers, or maintenance persons will be on staff, though they sometimes are. The only constants Annunciation can offer are the basics—food, clothing, shelter, a sympathetic ear. In the six months of October 2007 through March 2008, some 334 guests (222 male and 112 female) availed themselves of Annunciation's aid; that total included 75 children ages 12 and under.

ASKED ABOUT THEIR MOTIVES FOR MIGRATION, nearly all of the House's guests will cite the economic pull of the United States. The majority of migrants who come north to El Paso have connections somewhere in the United States—friends or relatives—who assure them that jobs are



available. Mexican workers have been coming north for over 150 years, ever since Mexico ceded a third of its territory to the United States after the Mexican-American War. The Immigration Act of 1924 (which created the Border Patrol) and the Bracero Program for agricultural workers, which lasted from 1942 to 1964, represented large-scale attempts to legalize and regulate the migratory ebb and flow, in accord with U.S. labor needs. After 1964, many Braceros stayed on in the United States illegally. Migrants and employers can now legally connect with one another using H-2A (agricultural) and H-2B (non-agricultural) seasonal visas for low-skilled labor. But H-2B caps are set at 66,000 a year, far below demand, and while there is no cap on H-2A visas, farmers must overcome considerable bureaucratic hurdles to import help. Employers often bypass the system, hiring undocumented (or fraudulently documented) job seekers directly.

It has become increasingly difficult for migrant workers to cross the U.S.-Mexican border illegally. Up until the mid-1990s, the large bi-national urban centers, in particular Tijuana-San Diego and Juarez-El Paso, were the most popular places to cross. The Border Patrol responded by implementing Operation Hold the Line, hiring more agents and

placing them at regular intervals along the border in urban areas. Helicopter patrols and large surveillance towers complement the agents on the ground. Now, even if a migrant manages to cross at a border town, the roads leading out of the city present Border Patrol checkpoints, with vehicular patrols in between.

Since Operation Hold the Line, it has become common to cross in the desert, which normally involves walking for three to five days through some of the most inhospitable terrain on earth, without adequate supplies of water and food, and while trying to evade the Border Patrol, bandits, and vigilantes. For such crossings a coyote is usually contracted, for upwards of \$2,000—some combination of the migrant's life savings, contributions from relatives, and, often, credit from the coyote. (The loan is leveraged against the migrant's future earnings.) Coyotes have another name, *polleros*—literally, chicken wranglers. And indeed *polleros* frequently treat their charges as something less than human. It is standard practice for most *polleros* who guide large groups of migrants to abandon anyone who becomes ill or injured or who simply can't keep up, and the bodies of hundreds of migrants, dead from dehydration or heat stroke, are found



along the border every year. The odd humanitarian *pollero* does exist, usually in business for himself. But as crossing the border has been complicated by the Border Patrol's growing numbers and advances in surveillance technology, the *polleros* are increasingly in the employ of large, sophisticated criminal organizations, including some with connections to Mexican drug cartels. These human smuggling rings have managed to boost illegal migration despite border security.

In 2006, when I was an aid worker in Nogales, Mexico, some 60 miles south of Tucson, Arizona, I met many people who had crossed in the barrenness of the Sonoran Desert and been subsequently deported. At Annunciation House, however, stories of such crossings are relatively rare. Most guests have either negotiated the gauntlet of river, canal, and three fences (topped with barbed wire) where the Rio Grande separates the two cities, or crossed the border on foot from the outskirts of Juarez, where tar-paper and wood pallet colonias (unincorporated settlements) fade into the desert on the Mexican side, just west of where the river begins to demarcate the border. Once in El Paso, migrants frequently stumble to the door of the nearest church, where they will likely receive directions and, if lucky, a ride to Annunciation House.

Sometimes, they find the Rescue Mission (an affiliate of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions), instead, or the Salvation Army shelter, from which they will likewise be directed to Annunciation, because those shelters receive federal grants that mandate them to turn away anyone who cannot provide proof of legal residency. Conversely, homeless U.S. citizens who come to Annunciation House will almost always be referred to the aforementioned shelters. Such a policy is necessary for two reasons: to save beds for migrants who don't qualify at the other shelters, and to prevent conflicts from arising between undocumented guests and citizens, who may threaten to call the Border Patrol.

One might reasonably wonder how Annunciation House exists in the face of the Border Patrol. In fact, that agency and its parent, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, are well aware of the work of Annunciation, and also aware that any arrests they make will be referred to the U.S. Attorney's office for possible prosecution. A federal statute establishes criminal penalties for anyone who "conceals, harbors, or shields from detection . . . an alien [who] has come to, entered, or remains in the United States in violation of law." The question of whether Annunciation House volunteers



engage in such conduct seems to hinge on the interpretation of the statute's language, particularly the word "harbor." In any event, the opinion that matters most belongs to the U.S. citizens who live in the Western Federal District of Texas: that is, the jury pool. In this heavily Hispanic district, no U.S. Attorney has seen fit in 30 years to bring charges against Annunciation House.

The Border Patrol has become increasingly reluctant over the years to come down hard on social service agencies that work with the undocumented. Three months after my arrival, two Border Patrol agents entered Annunciation House chasing a guest who had fled from a nearby street when they asked for his papers. They were in "hot pursuit" and therefore did not need a warrant. Nevertheless, as the guest ran upstairs, a volunteer confronted the agents and asked them to leave; to her surprise, they did. Given that Annunciation House enjoys tremendous community support, one can speculate that the agents feared inspiring a headline in the next day's *El Paso Times*.

As for the volunteers, the question seems to come down to whether rising to the urgent need of another human being can in any way be considered a crime. Each volunteer's choice

to work at the House represents an emphatic answer of "no." But as guests appear and disappear, activities unquestionably deemed "illegal" do come to light, whether in casual conversation over a shared meal, or as part of the job.

Upon arrival, each guest of the House is assigned a "contact volunteer" on the live-in staff. The contact volunteer's job is to meet with his or her guests at least once a week, to assess each one's situation, needs, and goals. Under the direction of the house coordinator, the maximum duration of a guest's stay is set, based on those goals and, ultimately, on the guest putting forth a good-faith effort to achieve them. Consequently, the lengths of stay vary greatly, from a few nights for train-hoppers to a month or two for individuals who need to raise money (likely, as day laborers) to, in rare cases, a year or more for families in complex situations—for instance, those enmeshed in an ongoing petition for asylum.

Once in El Paso, there are several ways for undocumented migrants to enter the interior of the United States. The most secure requires payment, usually of \$500 to \$1,000, to a *pollero* who can arrange a place in the back of a big rig heading north or east through a checkpoint. Of the less secure alternatives, the most common is train-hopping. In my time



at Annunciation, we hosted two Mexican women, Sylvia from Mexico City, and Romelia from Sinaloa, both of whom had fallen from, and then under, freight trains. The train cut off Sylvia's foot above the ankle. Romelia lost her toes. Sylvia was able to obtain assistance from the Mexican Consulate towards a prosthesis, and is now in a northeastern U.S. city, working and sending money back to her two children. After a period of recovery, Romelia chose to return to Sinaloa. Not so fortunate was Armando, also from Mexico City, who left Annunciation House to train hop one night in July 2007. Several days later, we heard from his traveling companion that he had fallen from a train in Arizona and been hospitalized with brain damage. We never learned anything more.

Migrants refer to the freight train as *la bestia*—the beast. Central American train-hoppers, defined as “illegal” the moment they sneak into Mexico from Guatemala or Belize, ride the Mexican rails northward for a thousand miles. On a journey that may take weeks or months, they are hounded by bandits and pursued by the Mexican immigration service. Gangs of young Hondureños or Salvadoreños sometimes provide protection. Toward the end of my time at Annunciation we gave shelter to Ramón, a 15-year-old

Hondureño, baby-faced and slight, but self-assured. He had left Tegucigalpa by himself at the age of 13 and settled in Veracruz, Mexico, where he found work in a *tortillería* and was sending money back to his mother and younger siblings. Almost a year passed before he was caught by Mexican immigration officials and returned to Honduras. On his next foray into Mexico, also solo, he reasoned that he might as well try to make his way to the United States, where he had relatives in a couple of states. Traveling on *la bestia* and often going for days without food, twice set upon by bandits, he got to within five hours of Juarez before being caught and again sent home. Undaunted, he began the journey a third time and finally made it to Juarez, where he was kidnapped and sexually assaulted. Several days after escaping his captors he crossed the Rio Grande without a *pollero*, eluding the Border Patrol and ultimately arriving, wet and alone, at our door.

I was assigned to be Ramón's contact volunteer, a task I found profoundly difficult. He was a child, and sometimes played like one. But as his history unfolded it became clear that in his 15 years he had experienced struggle and loneliness and deprivation that I had no answer to. Once, I arranged for him to speak before a group of 30 confirmation



students, all about his age, from a wealthy parish on the outskirts of El Paso. That was a mistake. While Ramón told his story for almost an hour, the students fidgeted, smirked, and whispered to one another. They couldn't, or wouldn't, come to grips with his experience. As for me, I think what was hardest to comprehend was not the breadth of Ramón's struggle. It was the giant force of his hope.

After a week, Ramón left with two older Honduran guests. One of them, César, had made the journey north on *la bestia* before. *Tienes que buscar una esquina para meterse*—you have to find a corner to hide in—where you can lie flat or scrunch up and spread a large black plastic trash bag over yourself so that it looks like a shadow in the night. *La migra*—the immigration patrols—don't rout out every niche, but most of the boxcars are locked, and it's hard to find a suitable place. You have to be patient. On their first attempt, the three Hondureños watched and waited, hiding in the train yard most of the night, unrewarded. They didn't return from their second attempt, and Annunciation House was tense for several days. After three nights we received a phone call: *Todo fue bien, estamos en Denver!* Such calls, which were regular occurrences, were always joyful occasions.

IMMIGRATION IS BUT ONE INELUCTABLE ASPECT OF A large, incorrigible creature, *La Frontera*—the U.S.-Mexican border. Here are some other elements that attach to *La Frontera*: drug smuggling, violence against women, international trade, oppression of workers, environmental degradation, shantytowns, corruption, lawlessness. One hears it said often around El Paso, *La Frontera* is the only border on the planet between the first and third worlds.

Increasingly, those who migrate from Mexico to the United States first migrate within Mexico to work in the factories known as maquiladoras along the border's south side. Maquiladoras are assembly plants (the word derives from the fee farmers once paid to millers), and they are owned by large U.S. and other foreign corporations. The maquiladoras originated in 1965 as part of the Border Industrialization Program (BIP), a joint initiative between the Mexican and U.S. governments designed in part to employ returning Braceros. Maquiladoras take in, duty free, components manufactured outside Mexico (including in the United States) and produce finished goods with cheap labor for export (often to the United States). *Maquila* workers assemble televisions, apparel, cars, and many other consumer items,

which under the BIP may enter the United States without tariffs, an advantage also supported in 1994 by the North American Free Trade Agreement. Companies operating maquiladoras have included General Electric, Johnson & Johnson, BMW, Fisher Price, Levi Strauss, and Tiffany. The maquiladoras offer migrants the steady work that is in short supply in central and southern Mexico, but they pay around \$50 a week, say Annunciation's guests, nowhere near enough to provide for a family. The cost of living in a Mexican border town like Juarez is around 75 percent of what it is immediately on the other side. Since *maquila* workers can rarely afford to rent or buy a house, families become squatters, recycling packing crates, discarded tires, and stray building materials to construct shelter in the colonias. The colonias usually lack electricity, running water, and trash pickup, as well as medical facilities and schools. Colonia Anapra, on the west edge of Juarez, sits up against the border fence; its residents can gaze across to the Sunland Park

done by her common-law husband. Eager to work, she had little or no idea how to manage money in this country. Her young boys exhibited health, behavioral, and developmental problems.

We helped Lupita connect with Head Start (a federal program), Early Childhood Intervention Services (a state agency), YWCA day care, and other support for two-year-old Mario and four-year-old Felix, both of whom, by birth, are U.S. citizens. With his alert dark eyes and enthusiasm for attention, Mario became a volunteer favorite, and I frequently ceded to his demands to be swept into the air. Felix, charmingly boisterous and built like a miniature NFL line-man, loved roughhousing and was never far from the center of attention himself.

While playing with her kids, I traded jokes and pleasantries with Lupita. Thin and dark-complexioned, outgoing and polite, she was a creative cook for our large group and a superb dancer. She remained upbeat despite her tribula-

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Mall, where clothing, electronic gear, business supplies, and other goods produced in the maquiladoras are likely sold.

The residents of colonias inevitably learn that in El Paso, one can make \$50 a day. El Paso's market for low-skilled workers is saturated, but simply travel to the farms, factories, and restaurants in New Mexico, Colorado, or any other state, and it is possible to make two or three times in a day what one makes in a week in the maquiladoras around Juarez. Factor in the widespread violence and corruption in the colonias associated with the drug cartels, and the choice to cross becomes easy for many people. In recent years, the guests at Annunciation House have increasingly come from Juarez.

LUPITA IS A 25-YEAR-OLD GUEST OF ANNUNCIATION House. She was four years old when her family moved to Juarez from Tlaxcala, east of Mexico City. The story of her life in Juarez is typical: With her parents struggling to support the family, she dropped out of school and worked various jobs, ending up in a maquiladora assembling airplane parts, before making her way to El Paso. Lupita arrived at Annunciation House with two children, having already lived in El Paso for several years; she'd recently been aban-

tions, and was clearly the source of Felix's remarkable exuberance. We spoke Spanish and worked on her rudimentary but improving English.

One day, Mario, who suffers from chronic asthma, stopped breathing, and several of us volunteers rushed mother and child to the emergency room of the county hospital. The boy's treatment required an extended stay, courtesy of local taxpayers. It was not the first time that I had taken a guest to the emergency room for "free" medical care, but I never became comfortable doing so, knowing that the cost would eventually be passed on to patients and other citizens who might be hard pressed to afford it. But I understood, too, that mother, son, and doctors had been swept along in a vast and complex calculus—economic, personal, social—beyond the power of one ordinary U.S. citizen, one undocumented migrant, or one mid-size Texas community to change. That calculus included Lupita long before she first stepped over the border into El Paso. ■

In any event, I was happy that Mario was alive. ■

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On a branch, or sing
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Or fling my wing
On the air, and bring
To sleepier birds a warning O!
That the night's in flight!
And the sun's in sight!
And the dew is the grass adorning O!
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Up by the river,
Down by the dell,
To the little wee nest,
Where the lug tree tell,
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WHILE MUCH ATTENTION IS PAID TO THE LITERARY AND ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF the Yeats brothers, the poet William (1865–1939) and the painter Jack (1871–1957), their sister Elizabeth also played an important role in the Celtic Renaissance, that revitalization of Irish culture that marked the turn of the 20th century. For more than 30 years Elizabeth (1868–1940) toiled with her hands in a printing shop that she christened the Cuala Press (Cuala being an early name for Dublin), publishing Ireland's best new writers. An exhibit at the Burns Library, *60 Years of the Cuala Press*, set to open October 23, will showcase Boston College's extensive collection of Cuala (pronounced COOL-a) artifacts.

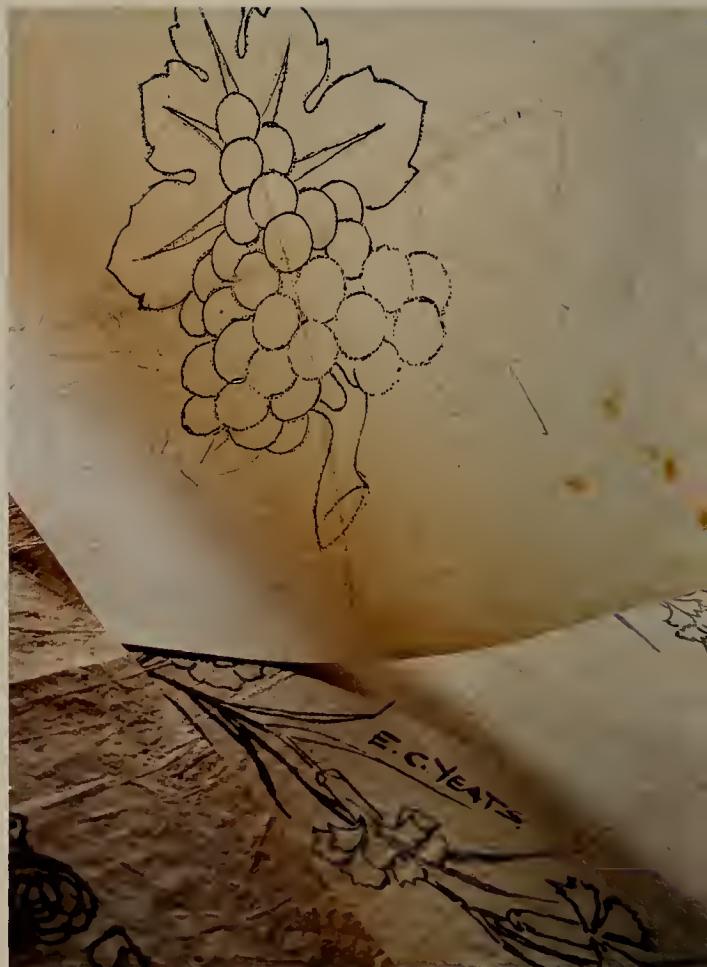
From the start, the Yeatses were an artistic brood. Family patriarch John Butler Yeats gave up the practice of law in Ireland to pursue a career as a portrait painter, moving his young family to London in 1867 so he could further his studies. In their twenties, Elizabeth and her older sister Lily (1866–1949) studied with the pre-Raphaelite artist and writer William Morris, a central figure in Britain's arts and crafts movement. Both women also worked to supplement the family's income: Lily in the embroidery shop of their mentor's daughter, May Morris, Elizabeth teaching art to kindergartners and

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OPPOSITE TOP: Christmas cards. OPPOSITE BOTTOM: Colophon from William Yeats's *Stories of Red Hanrahan*, printed on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15



writing brushwork manuals for beginning painters. The first of these slim volumes, published in 1895, caught the eye of the fine-printer Emery Walker, who saw in Elizabeth a talent for page design and encouraged her to study at the Women's Printing Society, begun in 1876 as part of a larger feminist movement to promote skilled employment for women.

In 1901, the Yeats family moved to Dublin. There the sisters soon joined Dun Emer Industries, an arts and crafts cooperative—Lily to oversee the embroidery department and Elizabeth to run the printing press. Evelyn Gleeson, the founder and director, was a suffragist who insisted that the cooperative's work be done exclusively by women.

The arts and crafts aesthetic of the Yeats sisters "had to do with doing things the long way, the hard way," says Justine Hyland, the Boston College research librarian who is assembling the Burns show. Bucking the trend toward mechanized printing, Elizabeth chose to toil at a 50-year-old Albion press, a small, hand-cranked iron contraption that she procured through a newspaper advertisement. In the prospectus accompanying the first volume she produced for Dun Emer, her brother William's collection of poems *In the Seven Woods* (1903), Elizabeth laid out her mission: "Though



and women to meet him, and gave him a bury-
worthy of so great a poet.

Here ends the Stories of Red Hanrahan, written
by William Butler Yeats, printed upon paper
made in Ireland, and published by Elizabeth
Corbet Yeat at the Dun Emer Press, in
the house of Evelyn Gleeson at Dun-
drum in the county of Dublin, Ire-
land, finished on Lady Day
in August, in the
year 1904.

... what have I
... for you, and you are
... is burned out like a
... and up now,' she said, s
... twining are lighted;
... he was crowded wi
... every hand was
... like a tall white can
... the morning of the
... rose up from wh
... to day, and began her
... and, singing the sun
... beautiful, I am beautif
... under the leaves,
... even look at me. Look at me, per
... be shining like the



THE CUALA PRESS
DUBLIN, IRELAND.
MCMXL



Angers that are like noisy clouds have set upon us
about, But we have all bent low and low and kept
quiet feet
Of Cathleen the Queen.

The yellow
na-Bairc,
For the wet
air;
Like her
blood,
But purer than
is Cathleen

While he wept,
tears came to Rooney put
to cry along
fire shook him
was no one

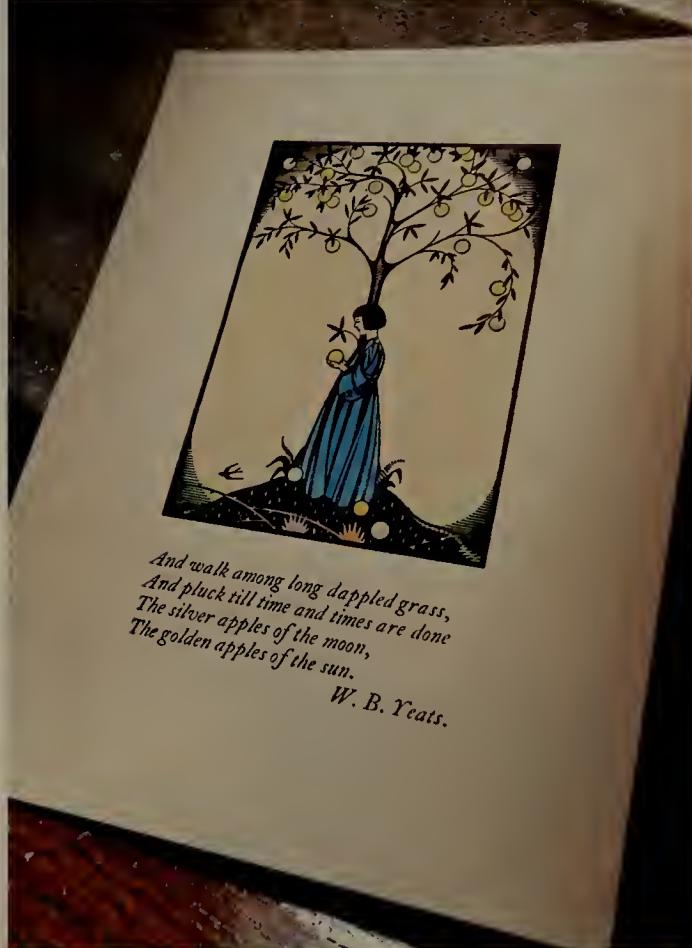
RED HAIR
One fine Morn
had left Man
the road nea
singing in the

Frank Fay's entra
"; William Fa
Patrick Campbell
and in later years
writing the Waves."
my deathbed; what
have had my fill.

o-morrow's

1.
in my 'teens I admired my heroines
I forgot about them and to
me above all else in literature, but when
three or twenty-four I read "The Moon." This
I do not remember a word, and we know he
was John Stuart's disci

act him singing as he went. It was to his own little
place he was going, that was no more than a cabin.
For he was tired of so
from shelter to shelter at
though he was seldom
of what was in the
times that his mind
and it was not so easy
fun and sport through
ys laughing with his
omen with his songs.
ed into a cabin that
harvesting and had
he had mended the
rner with a few sacks
the floor, he was well
himself, where he
and put his head in
evening if the fete
the old times. One
send their children
him, and with what
aten eke a couple
ay of living. And if
at now and again to
y a word, knowing
ng in his heart.



And walk among long dappled grass,
And pluck till time and times are done
The silver apples of the moon,
The golden apples of the sun.

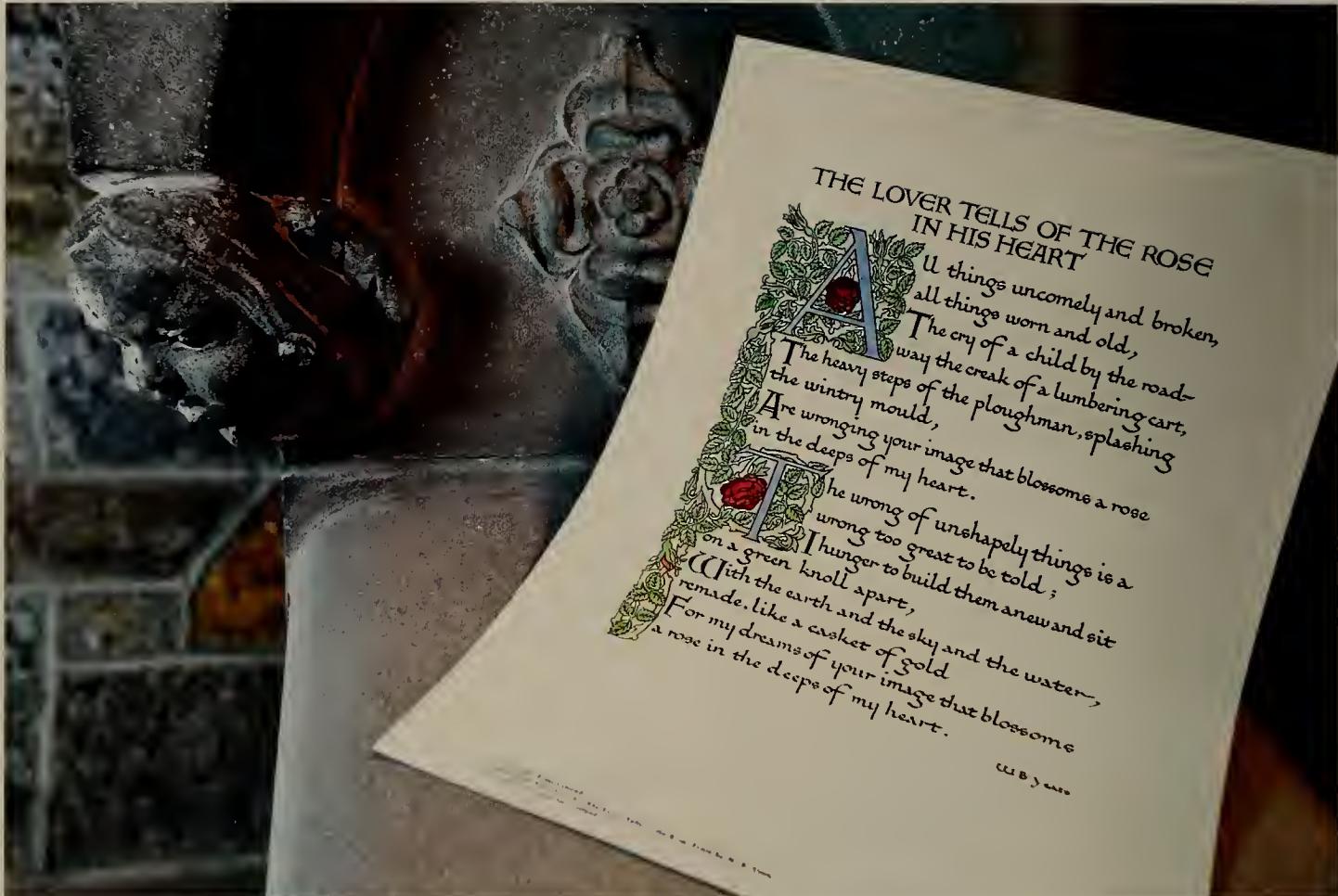
W. B. Yeats.

OPPOSITE TOP: Three bookplates designed for Yeats siblings and one (upper left) for an unknown person. OPPOSITE BOTTOM: Title page of *If I Were Four and Twenty* by William Yeats. ABOVE LEFT: A leather book cover with Celtic dragon design. ABOVE RIGHT: Silver Apples, a Christmas card

many books are printed in Ireland, book printing as an art has been little practised here since the 18th century. [T]he Press has been founded in the hope of reviving this beautiful Craft." William, who often found reason to quarrel with his strong-willed younger sister, said of *In the Seven Woods*, "This is the first book of mine that is a pleasure to look at . . . whether open or shut."

In 1908, long-standing conflicts, both personal and professional, led Elizabeth and Lily to split from Gleeson and from Dun Emer, and the sisters moved to a small cottage in Dublin to form their own business, Cuala Industries. Cuala would be comprised of an embroidery shop and a printing press, staffed exclusively by Irish women. The Cuala Press became distinguished among Irish publishers for specializing in the works of modern writers, including Lady Gregory, John Synge, Katherine Tynan, George Russell, Frank O'Connor, and, of course, the oldest Yeats brother, who would publish 36 books under the Cuala imprint. William would also serve as editor of the press, and it was he who recruited Ireland's new literary talents while the larger Irish presses were busily reprinting classics.

The rest of the Yeats family lent a hand in Cuala's operations, as well. Jack worked



ABOVE: A hand-colored print of William Yeats's "The Lover Tells of the Rose in His Heart." OPPOSITE: A collection of frontispieces and motifs

on design and drew illustrations; George, William's wife, helped Lily run the embroidery department, which produced dresses and linens popular with Ireland's wealthy. In addition to publishing books, Elizabeth printed Christmas and other holiday cards, calendars, pamphlets, and a periodical called *A Broadside*, which featured poems, illustrations, and music. After Elizabeth's death in 1940, George (1892–1968) took up the reins and with the help of several veteran presswomen kept the publishing house in operation until 1946, when she decided to focus on hand-printed cards and gave up the time-consuming production of full-length volumes.

The publishing house that Elizabeth sustained for 32 years—a period that saw Ireland's last struggle for independence from Britain—was ever tenaciously Irish. Even after independence, when Cuala's financial outlook was dire, Elizabeth refused English patronage. In a letter to William late in her life, she wrote, "We ought to get someone Irish if possible" to pay off Cuala's bills. But, she complained, "No one here has a father who would put [3,000 pounds] into anything but Guinness." With only two exceptions, Ezra Pound and Rabindranath Tagore, Cuala's writers were Irish. And its books were printed on Irish paper.

—Tim Czerwienski



AT AGE 29, THE AUTHOR PLACED THE INITIALS "SJ" AFTER HIS NAME AND ASSUMED THE LIFE
OF A "RESIDENT STRANGER"

The pilgrim

BY ANDREW KRIVAK

*Editor's Note: Andrew Krivak entered the Society of Jesus—the Jesuit order—at Syracuse, New York, in 1990, beginning what is commonly a 10-year or longer regimen of education, training, and guided self-examination that leads to, or leads away from, final vows in the society. He was 27 years old, a graduate of St. John's College (Annapolis) and the Columbia University master's program in fine arts, and a native of Dallas, Pennsylvania—and he would not, in the end, take final vows, withdrawing from the society in 1998. His journey is recounted in *A Long Retreat: In Search of a Religious Life* (2008), from which this essay is drawn. The story here begins in 1992, just after Krivak took his first vows of poverty, obedience, and chastity and embarked on *First Studies*, three years of philosophy training and part-time ministry that bring Jesuits to the midpoint on the path toward ordination.*

In 1992 there were four universities in the United States where young Jesuits could study philosophy: Fordham in New York, Loyola in Chicago, St. Louis University, and Gonzaga in Spokane, Washington. Of these, Fordham was the truly urban environment. While inside its gates the university's Rose Hill campus remained a beautifully mapped out expanse of gothic buildings, leafy trees, and sweeping greens, outside was the South Bronx, loud, gritty, diverse, and dangerous. One classmate, John, was robbed in the foyer of our residence. The mugger relieved him of his wallet, which held five dollars and a student ID. (That's poverty.) And Justin was held up on Bathgate Avenue by a man wielding a shotgun. The thief ran off with Justin's backpack, netting a cache of Latin books, the loss of which hurt

the scholar more than the sight of the gun had. The university was scrupulous about security yet felt its own vulnerability at times. Like when a coed was dragged into a stairwell and raped one night as she walked home late from the D train, a half-mile from the campus. The police hunted for the perpetrator until a young man slinked into the 48th precinct station house and confessed to the crime that evidence confirmed he had committed. Remorse and a change of heart? Not if you believe the story that moved quietly around the streets that week. Some of the men in this proud and tight-knit Italian neighborhood found out quickly who the rapist was and told him he'd be better off turning himself in and going to jail than letting them decide what he deserved. Of course, this was strictly rumor.

One year before, when the Jesuit provincial's formation assistant came to the novitiate and asked me where I saw myself studying philosophy, I told him I had been thinking about Chicago. It has a large population of Eastern Catholics (my father was baptized in a Byzantine Catholic church), and I had already lived and studied in New York, at Columbia. But the question was a formality. I would be sent to Fordham because it was in the New York Province, and New Yorkers were expected to be residents in their own houses. I felt in that first real test of discernment the sting of obedience, but at the time it didn't sting too badly. I wanted the hardest philosophy program the Order could throw at me, and Jesuits like Avery Dulles, Robert O'Connell, Gerry McCool, and Norris Clarke were active on Fordham's faculty. Besides, I imagined something of a homecoming.

Change is a constant character on the stage that is New York, and once I moved back after two years in the novitiate, I realized I was on that stage but not of it. I could retain the props of what I once knew: the address of a favorite bar and pizza restaurant on the Upper West Side, an alumni card that let me read at the Columbia library, and the phone numbers of a few friends still around. But the city was different now, and so was I.

Home was the Bronx, and I felt my new neighborhood was trying, in its own way, to follow the script in that play about change. Italian families with money were moving farther north for bigger houses in better neighborhoods. On their heels, Hispanics—increasingly, Mexicans—were moving in. Catholic parishes watched attendance at Italian Masses dwindle and their Spanish Masses overflow. In the 1990s, Bosnian immigrants started coming, displaced by the war in the Balkans. (There had always been Albanians in the neighborhood; they ran some of the best bakeries.) With the Bosnians came Islam. By the time I moved out of the Bronx in 1995, a makeshift mosque had gone up on our corner of East 189th Street and Belmont Avenue. In our house, we thought this seemed culturally, economically, and

theologically right. But no Italian American we spoke to ever saw it as anything other than the end of an era.

In a four-floor walkup named Ciszek Hall (because Father Walter lived and died there after his return from imprisonment in Russia in 1963), with gardens and grapes growing below in the backyards of our neighbors, jets approaching LaGuardia Airport in the distance, car alarms, fireworks, and occasional gunshots interrupting the night (the gunshots went pop! pop! once or twice; fireworks exploded in running streams), we gathered from all over the world, 16 Jesuits, some of us just starting out, others already a year or two into First Studies, sent by the provincials of New York, Maryland, New England, New Orleans, California, Puerto Rico, the Antilles, El Salvador, Vietnam, Nigeria, and Ghana. No longer novices, we were called scholastics now, from the Latin that means both "schoolboy" and "an elite troop of soldiers." We had placed the SJ after our names for Society of Jesus, and taken up the next stage in the long period of formation the Jesuits require before ordination to the priesthood, under the tutelage of a triumvirate of *formators*.

Gerald J. Chojnacki—a.k.a. Jeff—was our superior. He fit the image of the fat priest: round hands, thick shoulders, big belly. But he radiated the slow, calm bearing of the most austere monk. A photograph he kept in his office showed him as a young Jesuit from Jersey City on his ordination day, late twenties I'd guess, collected and immaculate in his priestly vestments, full head of hair, face clean-shaven, and skinny as a rail. He was a gentle man who was in no way, for as long as I knew him, weak. He took stock in tests of personality, like the Myers-Briggs and the Enneagram, believing that strength of community and faithfulness to God began with a humble knowledge of the self. In meetings he made notes unobtrusively on a yellow legal pad, keeping everything for future reference. Some of the guys called him Big Daddy.

Raymond Swietzer was our minister. Ray was reserved and efficient. He loved opera and ice hockey. He read Karl Rahner (in German) and the *New York Post*. Outside the house he taught Latin and modern Romance languages at Fordham Prep. In spite of or because of all this, he had an air of inflexibility about him, the surface appearance perhaps of his deeply classical mind. Yet, once when a scholastic asked in community meeting why we had season tickets to the symphony and not the New York Rangers, Ray stood up and said in his reasoned tone: "We have symphony tickets because they were a gift subscription to the house from a very generous donor." There were groans from the hockey fans. "But, it seems to me," Ray continued unfazed, "that William has a point. We should offer the scholastics both, or nothing."

Charlie Mutenot, our third priest and guide, was an adjunct professor of theology at Fordham. Charlie was one

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of those intensely direct Jesuits and he cultivated an irreverent sense of humor. When Mike mentioned a few weeks into the semester that he had more work to do than he could possibly handle, Charlie, who’d done a tour in Vietnam as a chopper pilot, answered: “As my old flight instructor used to say, ‘Step into this chopper, son, and you’ll be busier than a one-legged man in an ass-kicking contest.’ So buckle up.” His Ph.D. was in liberation theology. Out of graduate school now, he was working on “apostolic analysis,” a kind of cross between practical theology and social science, assessing the material as well as spiritual needs of a community, then organizing people to meet those needs. He likened the renovation of a crack house or the installation of a stop sign on a corner where two kids had already been hit by cars to the biblical feeding of the five thousand.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE ORDAINED A PRIEST IN the Catholic Church has to study a certain amount of philosophy before training in theology and divinity. It’s the tradition of Holy Orders, whether you’re a Franciscan, Dominican, Marist, or diocesan priest. Because we were Jesuits, though, philosophy was considered our first *mission*, which is to say we were *sent* to studies, in the same way that Avery Dulles was sent to Fordham to teach theology, or Matteo Ricci (long ago) was sent to China.

So, much like other graduate students, those of us who were directed to the Bronx applied to and enrolled in the master’s program at Fordham. We took survey courses on Plato and Aristotle, Aquinas and Augustine, Nietzsche and Kierkegaard, and seminars on political philosophy and the role of the public intellectual. We considered the philosophy of art from the medievals to the modernists, and delved into the postmodernism of contemporary thinkers like Levinas, Derrida, and Rorty. Ethics, too, had to be part of the training, and so we studied a range of positions, from natural law to the emotivists and the new virtue theorists. Then, at the end of three years, we were given a two-hour oral examination on questions from any period or problem in the history of philosophy, which we were expected to pass.

To keep track of our progress, a Jesuit on the faculty was appointed our program director (although we studied with

non-Jesuits as well). He made sure we took a precise set of courses to suit not our but the Church’s needs, and he led a philosophical integration seminar in our last year, which gave us practice in the discourse. That sounds as though we sat around a table and memorized rote answers to questions requiring doctrinally correct positions (on abortion, birth control, divorce, women’s ordination . . . you get the picture). But no. We discussed philosophy as a discipline, extant and relevant in our lives as men wanting to be priests. What is the freedom of responsibility? What constitutes an informed conscience? Does God stand aloof from our suffering? Is there, in the end, something rather than nothing? There was, certainly, an obedience to orthodoxy at work here. But so, too, was there wisdom and desire. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; wisdom and instruction fools despise,” Proverbs says. And no one seemed to despise fools more than the Jesuits.

“You’re studying to be a priest and they let you read Nietzsche?” a friend of mine asked when I called to tell him I had moved to the Bronx. I had studied Nietzsche as an undergraduate. Religious life hadn’t imposed amnesia upon me. We were supposed to be modern men ministering in a modern world—where a maelstrom of social, ethical, and theological opinions swirled—so ideally there should be nothing we did not know. John Henry Newman, the English convert and cardinal, thought the same in the 19th century: “Whatever the risk of corruption from intercourse with the world around, such a risk must be encountered if a great idea is fully to be understood and much more if it is to be fully exhibited.” Or, as an old Jesuit I met, whose own philosophical formation came at the hands of some of the Church’s greatest intellectuals, once said: “The mind unfettered finds its way to God.”

We understood this responsibility to form our minds and our consciences. We had come here for something far greater than a great idea. Yet, to be given this mission meant also that we were trusted in our faith and in our prayer to accomplish what was required of us. If those “long and exacting tests” of the novitiate had done anything, it was to turn us into men who could return from a course on Nietzsche’s thought week after week, immersed in the pull

as well as the problems of the mind that wrote *Zarathustra*, and gather at liturgy as brothers and a community of believers, right there in the Bronx, because, no, God was not dead, not if we were somehow to be living proof of that.

But if philosophy is, as Clement of Alexandria said 200 years before Augustine, “a handmaid to theology,” proof seems always to be a sticking point. Never mind philosophical atheism. How are we, or any philosopher who professes to be a Christian, supposed to believe rationally in the existence of God when human reason—corrupted by the Fall that the Christ was said to redeem—can never stand on the same plane as faith?

It’s an ongoing question. Some, like Immanuel Kant, answered that reason has no place in faith, and so kept philosophy separated from faith. Others, like Kierkegaard and Karl Barth, said that faith outstrips reason in the running, and preached their inspired theology accordingly. But the Catholic Church has always refused to let the two separate, because both are part of what’s considered the “not yet” and the “already” of human salvation. Can we know God entirely in this life? No. And so faith keeps us moving toward that promise. But is it, then, useless to say that we can know God at all on the journey? The First Vatican Council in 1869–70 (famous for its pronouncement on the infallibility of the pope) didn’t think so. We *can* know God through reason, the cardinals all assented. “Even though faith is above reason, there can never be any real disagreement between faith and reason, since it is the same God who reveals the mysteries and infuses faith, and who has endowed the human mind with the light of reason.” Leo XIII’s encyclical on the restoration of Christian philosophy, *Aetemi Patris*, in 1879, shored up that contention.

And in 1998, John Paul II’s encyclical *Fides et Ratio* reminded Catholics (in case there was any doubt) that the relationship between faith and reason extends back to the ancients and their search to “know thyself.” The journey to “engage truth more and more deeply,” that indefatigable pope wrote, is a journey “which has unfolded—as it must—within the horizon of personal self-consciousness: The more human beings know reality and the world, the more they know themselves in their uniqueness, with the question of the meaning of things and their very existence becoming ever more pressing. This is why all that is the object of our knowledge becomes a part of our life.”

So it became as well for us scholastics. We knew that Anselm’s proof for God’s existence is of “a being than which no greater can be conceived.” That Thomas Aquinas’s Five Ways argue for an immovable, originating, noncontingent, perfect, and governing God. And that René Descartes suggested that the idea of a perfect being could not exist in his mind as something unreal or as a deception. Others found their own subtle and ingenious ways to assert or shore up

belief. Yet this “reason,” these “proofs” in Christian philosophy are not like the elements of Euclidean geometry, which rest within a hermetically sealed world of two dimensions and can be worked through elegantly to their final Q.E.D. They are more like an interactive map of the created world that we need to get home. And the maker of this map wants us to get home. That’s the thing, because, along the way, if the traveler were to study the map closely enough, it would become clear that no one, no being, has been left out of its design and scope. This isn’t the Deist who creates and sits by. This is the kind of Mapmaker who goes out on the road with the traveler. And when the traveler is curious, lost, tired, or all three, somehow (as though the Maker has seen to it) someone arrives or emerges along a similar path, pulls up a rock, and tells the traveler a story of another who passed through this same way and eventually got home. Then, when both are rested and certain that this is, without doubt, the road to be on, they give their blessings and part, because there’s a ways yet to go.

Are these “proofs” of where and from whom this seemingly endless source of detail originates (and which reside in fellow pilgrims and innkeepers on the way) true? Does God exist? Find God in them and as a result of them, and God exists. The answer, as with so much else, emerges in the pressing on. There’s *something rather than nothing* when there’s searching rather than standing still.

What we learned was that as public servants and vowed religious we were being given the responsibility to be guides on the path of what the Church understands as its earthly pilgrimage. Map readers in the service of the great Maker. “Salvation comes from God alone,” the Catholic catechism asserts: “We believe the Church as the mother of our new birth, and not in the Church as if she were the author of our salvation.” What would be the use of faith—its life, its proofs, its landscapes, its ongoing narrative—if there were no element of what St. Paul calls “the substance of things hoped for”? Faith is certain, in its way. “Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt,” Newman wrote. Yet the catechism also asserts that “faith seeks understanding,” and cites Augustine: “I believe in order to understand; and I understand the better to believe.” Faith as both certain and seeker is no paradox. It’s the nature of belief, and the way in which we studied our philosophy.

FORMATION AS CONSTANT TRIAL CONTINUED. WE had our primary mission: studies now. Yet, because we were Jesuits, when we weren’t reading, eating, doing house chores, or praying, we set out in twos to do whatever we could with the 10 hours a week allotted to us for apostolic work outside the community. Mike and a Californian named Scott ran the youth choir at the parish of St. Anthony of Padua. David, Rocco, and two men from Africa, Chuks and Greg, got



The author, his wife, Amelia, and sons, Blaise (six months) and Cole (two and a half), in Boston, June 2008

involved in Campus Ministry's retreat program at Fordham. Justin and Sean taught a Wednesday night confirmation class to 16-year-olds at St. Martin of Tours. Anh and another student at the university ran a youth group for Vietnamese teenagers. Harlan and Charlie (with my help sometimes) taught a group of high school students from the neighborhood how to put out a newsletter they called *The Bronx Tale*. I went to the Bronx's St. Barnabas Hospital with Tom and worked as a chaplain for patients with HIV and AIDS.

We weren't proselytizing Catholics, scouring the Bronx for souls. Our hope was to take care of those who needed some taking care of, which we knew from our formation was as much a tradition of the Order as scholarship. "Our main aim (to God's greater glory) during this undertaking at Trent," Ignatius told his theologians en route to the reforming council in 1546, "is to put into practice (as a group that lives together in one appropriate place) preaching, confessions and readings, teaching children, giving good example, visiting the poor in the hospitals, exhorting

those around us, each of us according to the different talents he may happen to have."

The pastoral care staff at St. Barnabas Hospital was small: a shy, bantam priest from the New York Archdiocese, Fr. McGary, and a nun from the Sparkill Dominicans, Sr. Miriam. I was given a list of patients and sent out on rounds. There were charts that recorded details for the benefit of doctors, nurses, and caregivers, but none for me. I had to go looking among the myriad of convalescents for those who might be in need of a little healing.

One day (not long after we had begun reading Augustine's *City of God* with Professor Deal Hudson) I walked into a room where a young black man—French surname, early twenties, Haitian—was lying in bed. He was thin and looked to be in the kind of pain that is a constant companion. I introduced myself. He said hello. His name was Laurent. He looked somewhat puzzled when he saw me, and I asked him if there was anything he needed.

"I called the nurse for some water," he said weakly, "but

she's busy this morning." I filled his cup and found a straw. After he finished drinking he said, "There's probably nothing else you can do."

"Okay, well, have a good day. I'll be certain to keep you in my prayers." It was my standard leaving. Nothing forced.

I started for the door and, just as I was about to walk out, heard him say behind me, "You can't do that, can you?"

I turned around. "What do you mean?" I asked. "Of course I'll keep you in my prayers."

"But I'm, you know, sick," he said, his eyes fixed on me.

I was puzzled. "That's why you're in the hospital, Laurent. That's why I'm visiting you as a chaplain."

"But I'm sick because . . . I've sinned."

I realized then what he was getting at, or rather, what he had been going through. I had heard this before from those who call themselves Catholics and Christians and who believe that AIDS is a punishment for homosexuals. "As far as I know, theologically," I would say, trying to hold back my anger, "we're all held accountable for sin, just as we're all entitled to forgiveness. As for what I know about epidemiology, HIV is a virus, one that I'm certain doesn't give a good goddamn about what you believe."

Caught among the righteous, no doubt, Laurent had become his own punisher as well as the punished.

"I thought that, as a priest, you would know this," he said.

So that was it. The collar. We never wore the collar to class or around the house. But we put our "clerics" on for the apostolate. I was ambivalent, I have to confess, about this detail of religious identity. My vows as a Jesuit were spoken from the heart, not written in white across my neck. Yet there was something defining about wearing the collar. As I approached the age of 30, I wanted those other laborers and professionals around me to know that I, too, was engaged with work in this world. It happened to be a different kind of work. So, most days, I was glad to walk down Arthur Avenue and over to St. Barnabas with the white tab showing through my black overcoat, especially when it evoked a friendly "Morning, Father!" from someone at a market stall or in a café doorway.

I sat down in the chair by Laurent's bedside. "I know why you're here," I said. "You've got AIDS. How you got it, I don't know. I don't care. What I'm supposed to care about is your spiritual well-being in this hospital. For what little time I'm allowed, that's what I try to do, for everyone. The collar means nothing in that respect." I took the plastic strip out of my black shirt and undid the top button. "I'm just a guy trying to do a good thing for someone who's stuck here and not feeling so well." I could see him relax.

"But if this collar makes you think you're being punished for something you did in the past, something so horrible you can't be forgiven, then let me tell you, with this collar on"—and I slid it back into position—"God doesn't condemn us out of vengeance for any sin. That's the truth. Our sorrow is

His. You're sick because of a virus, not because God won't forgive you. Do you understand?" He nodded. "That's official, my friend." I tapped the white tab showing again at the base of my neck. "Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Right now, you need to try to get well. God will forgive you anything if it's what you want."

He seemed changed now. His smile widened. "Thank you, Father," he said.

I didn't have the heart to tell him that I wasn't a priest yet. It'll complicate a complicated situation, I thought. I made a mental note to tell Fr. McGary, in case there was something else Laurent felt he wanted to say.

"Get some sleep," I said. I refilled his cup, pushed the chair back into the corner of the room, and walked out.

"THE GREAT MISTAKE" IN STUDYING AUGUSTINE, Hudson said to us, "is to equate the younger man of *Confessions* with the older, quite worldly man writing *City of God*."

Like some unknowing prophet sent to remind us that things never unfold the way we plan them, Hudson—plowing through the Bishop of Hippo's massive apologetic tome with only a few weeks to go before our first four months of life as vowed Jesuits in philosophy studies came to their natural, end-of-semester close—would not let go in class that day of this one point, Augustine's notion of the *civitas peregrina* in Book 18:

I undertook to write about the origin, the development, and the destined ends of the two cities. One of these is the City of God, the other the city of this world; and God's City lives in this world's city, as far as its human element is concerned; but it lives here as an alien sojourner.

"We're not engaged in wholesale condemnation or flight from the so-called city of men," Hudson said from the edge of his desk. "We have to live here. A better translation of this sojourner, as [Augustine's biographer Peter] Brown suggests, is resident stranger, someone grateful for the city, working in it, improving on its good, yet condemning and walking away from its evil." He lowered his head, deep in thought no doubt, then gazed out over us all again, smiled, and said, "It's quite simple in the end. We belong and we don't belong." ■

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OVERTIME

Job holders in the generation soon to retire will have to work longer than their parents did. How much longer?

BY STEVEN A. SASS

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The baby boom generation is about to do something absurd.

Just when the youth culture folk seem prepared to grow up, they're about to grow old. The boomers were born between 1946 and 1962. So the oldest are now 62 and eligible for Social Security. If they do what their parents did, most will claim their benefits and be out of the labor force at 63. And if that happens, old age will become a long and dreary finish for many lives that in the main were lived with much vigor.

The boomers' parents could retire at 63 because they grew old in a different world. In the 1960s and 1970s, the creation of Medicare and the expansion of Social Security and employer-defined pension plans (which the employer financed and which paid out monthly retirement checks

until death), created the Golden Age of retirement. These programs let the World War II generation exit the labor force at a historically young age with enough income to maintain its standard of living, or nearly so. With cutbacks in Social Security and the general disappearance of traditional

pensions, that option is gone. If the boomers are to enjoy a reasonably comfortable old age, they have little choice but to stay in the labor force longer.

Americans today are living longer and working a smaller portion of their lives. The boomers are projected to spend about 40 years on the job and 20 in retirement. Two years of work for each year of retirement seems like a great deal. And it would be if the boomers (or their employers) had buried enough acorns during those 40 years, or if the boomers had raised enough children to sustain Social Security with their payroll taxes (as they sustained it for the World War II generation). Then the boomers could continue to live in the style to which they've become accustomed. But there are neither enough acorns in the ground nor offspring in the workplace.

The arithmetic has already led Congress to cut the benefits this generation will get from Social Security. By raising the full retirement age from 65 to 66—requiring workers to give up a year's benefits to get an undiminished monthly Social Security income—Congress in 1983 effectively cut benefits 7 percent across the board, over a six-year period beginning in 2000. Benefits will be cut an additional 7 percent when the full retirement age rises to 67, as it is scheduled to do for workers born in 1960 or later. A greater share of Social Security benefits will also be taxed as income as this generation ages, with the revenues used to shore up the program. Rising Medicare premiums, which are deducted from Social Security checks before they go out, will further cut cash incomes.

DURING THE GOLDEN AGE, THE SOCIAL SECURITY benefit alone (with Medicare premiums and income taxes netted out) replaced 40 percent of the earnings of the average worker who retired at 65. The youngest boomers who retire at 65 will get just 30 percent. And Social Security still has a serious financing shortfall that must be resolved—roughly equal to an immediate 25 percent cut in benefits or

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a 4 percentage point increase in payroll taxes, for a lasting fix. No one knows yet what the formula will be, but if solving that deficit involves further cuts in benefits, Social Security will replace even less of workers' income.

The projected shortfall is typically seen as a financial problem, which boomers should solve by increasing their contributions to 401(k) and other types of savings plans. But for whatever reason, boomers are saving less, not more, than their parents did. The typical household at the cusp of retirement (ages 55–64) in 2004 had just \$60,000 in its 401(k) and IRA accounts, with precious little time left to accumulate more.

There is, however, a solution in plain sight. Boomers can still enjoy a comfortable retirement if they choose less retirement. Social Security monthly benefits claimed at age 66 are at least a third higher than benefits claimed at 62; and benefits are at least 75 percent higher if claimed at 70.

The increases are more or less actuarial, meaning they reflect the shorter amounts of time that benefits will be paid. And if workers choose to wait as long to begin drawing down their 401(k)s, the increases in income from that source will be similar.

So how much longer must the typical boomer work? Three to four years seems sufficient. With the average retirement age currently at 63, that means boomers will need to stay in the work force—without accessing Social Security, employer pensions, 401(k)s, or other retirement savings—to age 66 or 67. This reckoning, however, includes workers who must retire early due to poor health or the inability to find employment. The retirement age for workers without such issues will need to be a bit higher.

AS BEST WE CAN TELL, BOOMERS WILL PROBABLY opt to stay in the labor force somewhat longer than their parents. In addition to that knotty matter of insufficient income, there are several reasons why.



United Technologies Sikorsky Aircraft, Stratford, Connecticut, 1993

For one, drawing an income out of a 401(k) involves uncertainties and risks absent in the old-style pensions. Where once the employer absorbed the ups and downs of retirement investments, that burden now rests solely on the retiree. Another brake on early retirement is the lifestyle of boomer wives, who are more likely to have jobs than their mothers were; men, statistically, are less likely to retire if their wives are still employed. The Social Security program has added enticements, too. After full retirement age, the program no longer imposes an earnings test (which withholds benefits if you earn too much); and benefit increases have been made actuarially fair for workers who delay claiming. Finally, boomers are more educated than their parents, and educated workers have jobs that typically are less punishing physically and more enjoyable and rewarding.

But it's hard to predict how persuasive all these factors will be for the boomers. To this point, most workers continue to retire at 62 or 63, pretty much as soon as they can claim

Social Security. The availability of that monthly check—lower though it may be for early retirees—seems sufficient to pull people out of gainful employment.

THE PICTURE IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY A NEW instability in employment for older workers. In the early 1980s, the great majority (70 percent) of employed men at the cusp of retirement (ages 58–62) were working full-time for the same employer they had worked for at 50. Today only 44 percent can say the same; 48 percent are working full-time for a different employer, up from 25 percent in the early 1980s. (The remainder—8 percent or under in both eras—reflects part-time employment.)

Job transitions after age 50 are tricky, to say the least. Among workers laid off in their early fifties, just half find another job within a year; among those laid off in their late fifties, it takes two years for half to find employment. If boomers decide to push back their retirement age by three to



four years, a greater share of them will probably find themselves negotiating a difficult employment transition.

Whether boomers stay on the job longer is not their decision alone, of course. Employers also have a say, and as best as can be determined, most are not especially eager to retain workers three to four years longer than they do at present.

Employers have never been enamored of older workers. Most organizations of any size had mandatory retirement policies in place until these were generally outlawed by Congress in 1978 (for workers under 70) and in 1986 (for workers of any age). Employers built strong financial incentives into their defined benefit pension plans to usher workers out at a certain age (by giving employees who stayed too long little or no increase in their pensions, for instance). The rationale for such policies is not hard to find. As older workers age, their productive capabilities—their physical strength and stamina, their flexibility (mental, social, and geographic), and the market value of the knowledge and skills they've acquired in the past—hold steady at best, but more likely decline. The opposite is true of their compensation: Wages, by convention, are “sticky downward,” in fact, they generally rise. Employers don't usually increase their contributions to 401(k)s as workers age (which they did with traditional pensions). But they do find themselves paying more for health insurance to cover their older employees.

Surveys consistently show that employers are reasonably satisfied with the performance of their current older employees. Indeed, older workers tend to be more reliable and to possess better people skills than younger workers. But employers are not especially eager to retain them past the organization's traditional retirement age. A recent survey asked employers how likely they are to accommodate at

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least half the boomers who will want to stay two to four years longer than the current norm at their company. The median response, on a scale from 1 to 10, was a lukewarm 6.

Many observers in business and government claim this will change over the next 10 years. They say employers will face labor shortages and a loss of institutional intelligence when the baby boom generation exits the labor force, and that these developments will push demand up for older workers. There are other reasons, too, to think older job seekers might have more success in the marketplace in the near future than in the past. Boomers are better educated than their predecessors. And with the aging of the workforce, more hiring will be done by older managers and supervisors, who (surprise) view older workers more favorably.

The notion that employers will face a labor shortage is based on the fact that the population of workers ages 25–54, the traditional prime of working life, will essentially stop

growing as the boomers begin to retire. For the economy to continue to expand at its historical rate, it is argued, employers will need alternative sources of labor. Older workers, along with immigrants, are the obvious candidates.

There are a number of difficulties with this line of reasoning. The first rests on the notion that the economy will grow at its historical rate. One should expect, in fact, that the abrupt slowing of labor force growth as the boomers retire will dampen the economy's upward trajectory. Economic expansion is driven by gains in productivity, labor, and capital. And while productivity could continue to advance at its current pace, the growth of the capital stock should slow as retirees “dissave.” Moreover, those U.S. employers seeking to expand their workforce are increasingly likely to look overseas. The entry of China, India, and the former Soviet Union into the world trading system has doubled the size of the labor force potentially available to U.S. employers over the last 10 to 15 years.

An additional problem many older workers face is that they find themselves in older industries and occupations, where employment is already growing slowly or even declining. Their relative abundance in these areas serves to depress their individual value to employers.

WHAT CAN BOOMERS DO? TO BEGIN WITH, THEY CAN learn what lies ahead. Studies regularly show disturbingly high levels of ignorance about the most basic elements of retirement income planning—how much one is likely to get from Social Security, the extent to which delaying retirement can raise future income, how long one can expect to live, the tendency of income other than Social Security to dry up over time. Once boomers know these things, it is reasonable to assume that most will commit to extending their careers.

A willingness to work, however, will not be enough. Most boomers will still need to change employers at some point between age 50 and retirement, that is, *15 to 20 years down the road*. Making a successful job transition—or lasting through that span of years with their current employer—will require planning, effort, and luck. The most important steps workers can take to extend their careers is to keep their skills up to date and remain responsive to their employers' needs. The next most important is to make sure their employer knows their target retirement age and their commitment to remaining productive until then. The labor market value of older workers is generally greatest with their current employer, who can reap the advantages of their institutional memory and experience. But if one's current employer, industry, occupation, or geographic location is in decline, remaining in place may not be the best option. In that case, the earlier a worker makes a transition, the more "future" he or she can offer the next employer.

IN THE RETIREMENT DRAMA, EMPLOYERS ARE THE most problematic actors. They're in business not to provide a secure old age for their workers but to produce a profit (or service, in the case of public and nonprofit employers). To do that effectively, however, they too must recognize—and act on—the implications of the sudden aging of the U.S. labor force.

In 1995, when the oldest boomer was 49, there were four workers under 50 for each worker age 50 and over. Today there are barely two and a half, and this ratio is likely to persist. Employers have taken advantage of similar sharp shifts in the labor force in living memory: the rapid influx of young and highly educated wage earners when the boomers joined the job market; the growth of the female workforce as boomer wives entered, or reentered, the labor pool; and the more recent swelling in the number of immigrant workers. Employers must now learn how to accommodate an older U.S. labor force—not out of a sense of social responsibility,

but because those who successfully utilize this expanding resource will gain a competitive edge in the marketplace.

Employers will generally find it advantageous to develop activities and production methods that draw on experience, people skills, and reliability and to de-emphasize (or shift overseas) some activities better suited to a younger workforce. As the productivity of older workers tends to flatten or decline, employers will need to rethink the escalation of wages tied to tenure or age. But they should also keep in mind that a modest amount of on-the-job training can generally keep older workers productively employed; this has proven true in the high-tech sector.

As the Golden Age recedes into the past, employers will increasingly find themselves uncomfortably at sea when it comes to planning for and managing workforce retirements. With the boomers' parents, retirement was a highly institutionalized transition. They neither quit nor were fired, but merely conformed to well-established expectations about the age at which they would exit. Today's 401(k) world is messier. Boomers are approaching retirement with wildly different amounts in their 401(k)s and IRAs. They also have wildly different notions about how much is enough to retire on. Employers no longer know when their older workers will leave. Unless some order and predictability can be injected into the retirement process, employing older workers could come to seem more trouble than it's worth.

GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. FIRST OF all, it can help make older workers more attractive by spending more than it does now on skills training. A United Nations study found that the United States spends a much smaller share of gross domestic product on training (under 0.5 percent) than any of the 20 European and North American countries surveyed. Denmark, for example, spends more than 4.5 percent of per capita GDP on labor market programs, and Canada spends more than 2 percent. Since most older workers already have significant skills and experience, expanding employee/employer matching services and job counseling could be an even more productive approach for government to take.

Government can also reduce the cost of hiring or retaining older workers. It's been suggested by some experts that Congress should eliminate the employer payroll tax for workers above a certain age. Another proposal would change the Medicare rules: Employers currently see no reduction in their health care expense when a worker becomes eligible for Medicare at age 65, because Medicare only covers costs not covered by an employer plan. If Medicare were instead to become the primary payer at that point, older workers would immediately become more attractive. It must be said, however, that both of these measures would widen shortfalls in programs already facing enormous long-term deficits; they

Business centered

THERE ISN'T MUCH TO cheer in the finding that most Americans will need to work at least a few years longer than their parents did, but the unvarnished projections coming out of Boston College's Center for Retirement Research have been well received in the *Economist*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and other leading publica-

tions. Started in 1998, the retirement center—whose director, Alicia Munnell, sat on the President's Council of Economic Advisors—is one of five centers established in the Carroll School of Management to serve as both "engines of knowledge creation" and vehicles for sparking the curiosity of students, business executives, and the general public, says Carroll School Dean Andrew Boynton '78.

"What these centers do is build on the existing train system—the course work and the research—that we have at Boston College and the Carroll School," explains Boynton, who has overseen the founding of two of these organizations—the Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics, and the Center for Asset Management. The Winston Center addresses business issues from what Boynton calls "the sweet spot of Boston College," a tradition of concern for the greater good. Under program director Richard Keeley, the center's Clough Colloquium has brought lecturers to the University such as the historian David McCullough (speaking on leadership and the Founding Fathers); the Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former South Africa President F.W. de Klerk; and Ray Offenheiser, president of Oxfam America. Director of research Mary Ann Glynn, the Joseph F. Cotter Professor of Organizational Studies, has been steering the Winston Center toward such timely questions as how effective leadership can deliver a company from a severe ethics scandal (Chris



From left: Richard Keeley, Andrew Boynton, and Alicia Munnell

Coughlin '74, the chief financial officer of Tyco—whose former CEO is now behind bars—spoke at the inaugural Winston Forum on Business Ethics in November 2007).

The newest center, spearheaded by Boynton and finance department chair Hassan Tehranian, is the Center for Asset Management. Its purpose

is to bring scholars and finance executives together to discuss challenges such as the subprime mortgage debacle (a lively topic of conversation at the Center's 2008 Finance Conference on campus this past June), and the lagging performance of some private equity funds. Among the prominent alumni who have been drawn into the center's work are T.J. Maloney '76, president of the private equity firm Lincolnshire Management, and State Street Corporation President Jay Hooley '79, both of whom rubbed elbows at the center's June conference with the 1997 Nobel Prize winner in economics, Robert Merton, who delivered a keynote address.

Also making its home in the Carroll School is the Center for Corporate Citizenship, founded in 1985 by Bradley K. Googins '67, MSW'69. With nearly 350 corporate members (from AT&T to Microsoft to Disney), the center holds dozens of conferences annually under such titles as "Enhancing and Improving Your Employee Volunteer Program" (Boston, June 18–20). In 1990, Googins founded the Center for Work and Family. It has since spawned the Global Workforce Roundtable, which held its second summit this past February, in Shanghai, China, highlighting best practices among multinational companies in areas such as employee development and support for working families.

—William Bole

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Merrill Lynch, New York City, 1995

would make sense only as part of larger reforms in overall retirement or health care policy.

But the federal government already has in its hands the most powerful lever possible for ensuring that older workers keep working; that is, the authority to raise the earliest age at which workers can claim Social Security. As we have seen, most workers opt to claim their Social Security benefits pretty much as soon as they can, at 62 or 63. Raising the earliest eligibility age, say to 64, or even to 65, will keep most workers in the labor force longer and assure them a significantly higher income over the rest of their lives.

Some accommodation would need to be made for individuals ages 62 to 64 (or 65) who cannot work or find employment. Studies show that perhaps 15–20 percent of that age group has some work-limiting health condition. Special provision may be necessary also for workers who have had a difficult time earning a reasonable wage even in their prime working years. Addressing the needs of such

workers will have to be part of the cost of assuring a more secure retirement for the majority.

For all the financial gains to be obtained from raising Social Security's earliest claiming age, the most important effect of the measure would be to shift expectations. Workers would be forced to change their retirement plans. When employers recognize that workers will remain on the job into their mid-sixties, they will be far more likely to create training and advancement opportunities for employees in their fifties. And employees will be more likely to pursue those opportunities. No other initiative will go half as far toward improving the boomers' retirement income security.

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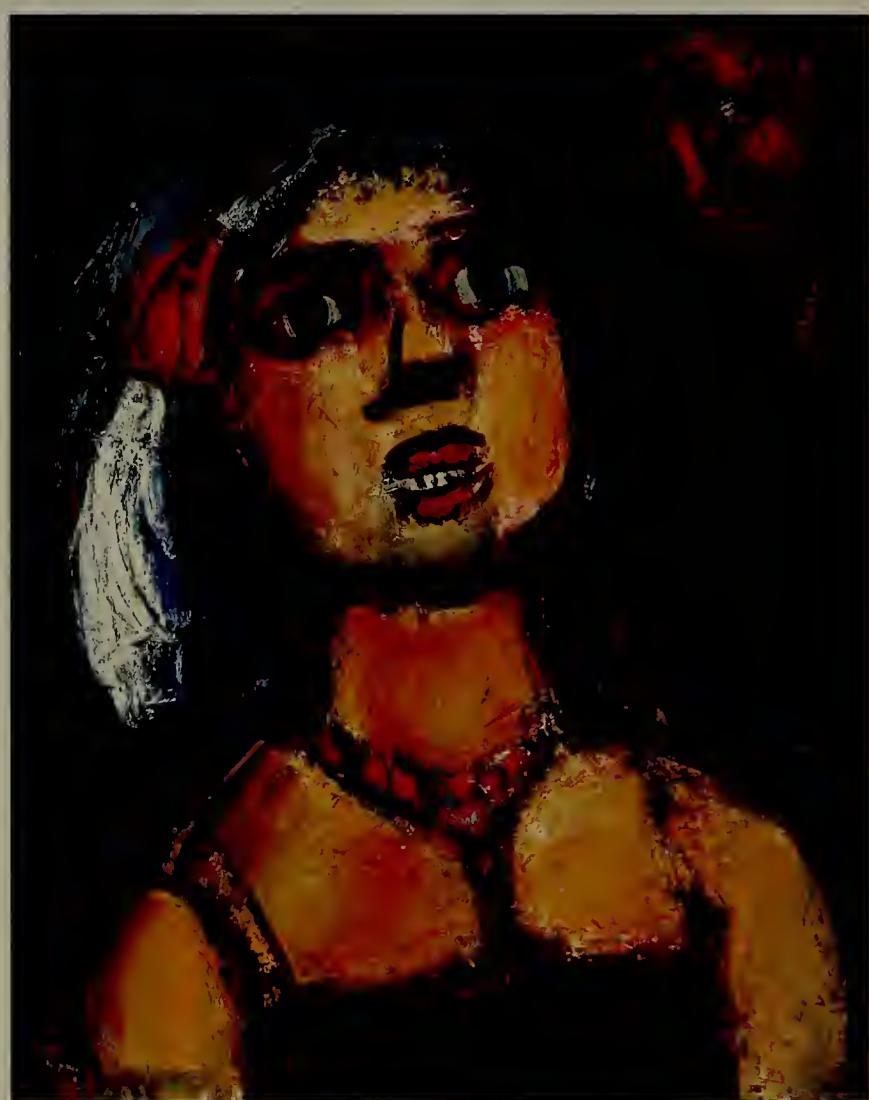
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PROSPECTS

by Suzanne Matson

So, you want to be an English major

STUDENTS CONTEMPLATING AN ENGLISH MAJOR DON'T need to be told about the joys of literature. They already love reading, and some of them have been writing stories and poems from an early age. Maybe a favorite high school teacher noted at the top of an essay: "You should think about being a writer!" The idea was tempting.

But college brings with it a daunting dose of adult issues and responsibilities: The cost of an undergraduate education may mean one's parents must draw heavily on family resources; often there are student loans to be shouldered. The future is likewise unsettling, with the prospect of an increasingly competitive job market and the cost of living spiraling upward in an uncertain economy. In this light, the decision to be an English major—to immerse oneself for four years in novels, plays, and poetry—may seem just a little too enjoyable. Perhaps all that reading and scribbling are better kept as hobbies. Isn't it self-indulgent to study English?

The answer is most certainly, no. In today's fast-changing global environment, particularly, a liberal arts education, that blending of broad intellectual sweep with portable skills, may well be the requisite keystone. And the English major lies at the heart of the liberal arts, with good reason. At Boston College the English major has enjoyed long popularity—720 students are currently enrolled—because of the way in which the reading of creative work in this discipline extends beyond the text into the realms of history, philosophy, psychology, sociology, religion, and politics. Our courses teach students how to employ these vantages, because we believe you can't fully read medieval women writers, for instance, without considering what gender meant in that time; you can't understand the Puritans' essays without knowing the religious context; and you can't get at the richness of John Dos Passos's *U.S.A.* trilogy without embracing early 20th-century America—its labor strife, the budding film industry in Hollywood, the presidential

politics and international entanglements of the First World War, the speculative stock market that ensued after Armistice.

I became an English major because I had the feeling that reading broadly, deeply, and within a cultural context offered up the world to me. A working-class kid from a public school in a suburb of Portland, Oregon, I could travel in time and encounter people—Shakespeare's Macbeth, or Flaubert's Emma Bovary, or Eliot's Prufrock—who were at once thrillingly different from anyone I knew and yet instantly, intimately familiar in their essential yearnings, ambitions, failings, and happinesses.

But if the English major can transport you to other worlds, how can it help you survive in this one? In our changing times, when the career options available to new graduates are unpredictable, and people's paths are apt to veer one way and then another during their working lifetimes, the English major is among the most practical of foundations. To be an English major is, by definition, to be an interdisciplinarian, conversant in imaginative and nonfiction texts, film, and other media, even Facebook. (No, there's no course on Facebook in our department, but who's to say how it will evolve as a form of discourse and how it will, perhaps one day, be studied?) As students at Boston College range through courses in Renaissance English drama, Anglophone Caribbean memoir, and contemporary American fiction, they are honing their discussion abilities in the demanding give-and-take environment of small classes and strengthening their analytic and writing skills—all the while broadening their view of what it means to be an individual and to live in society.

THERE'S A SIMPLE QUESTION I ASK OF EVERY NEW ENGLISH major I advise: "What kind of an English major are you?" The answers are rarely as simple, but I've discovered that students tend to favor three tacks. There's the Burning-In-Love-With-Literature sort, which is how I would have described myself, the student who dreams of a career in writing, teaching, editing, or some combination thereof. Many other students—my husband was an example—want the skills that the discipline imparts, so they can pursue a course having little to do with literature (in the case of my husband, law school). But besides this Strategic English major—the English-first-law-school-later type—there's a third kind of advisee I often find coming to see me, and that's the Generalist. This is the student who is good at many subjects, interested in even more, and genuinely reluctant to specialize in any one. This person senses that the English major is capacious and, no matter what branch of letters he or she explores, will lead to a richly informed life. For this student, life after college offers not a single outcome but rather a galaxy of possibilities.

And the possibilities are almost endless. Our English majors have gone on to graduate programs in writing at places like the prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop, to jobs as reporters and editors throughout the world of publishing, to law firms and medical teams, to banking and entrepreneurship, often with many stops and turns along the way. There is Siobhan, a former student of mine, who spent two years teaching seventh grade in the Bronx as a member of Teach for America. She next became head of the English department in a charter school, then a curriculum consultant, and is now in journalism school, pursuing her interest in international

reporting. Another of my former students, Michele, having written and produced screenplays, founded NewEnglandFilm.com, a website for people involved in the independent film industry. A colleague's thesis advisee last semester, Kara, a double major in English and finance, is going on to a position in mergers and acquisitions at Goldman Sachs. And Ryan, a current advisee of mine, is headed for a political internship at the Massachusetts State House.

At the end of the day, the one trait all English majors share is the breadth of their worldview. True, they're all strong writers and voracious readers. They are dynamic, engaging communicators. But much more important, what distinguishes and unites them is their curiosity and their ability to make connections between disparate points of view. Whether they're headed for careers in creative writing or corporate law, they aren't satisfied with black and white truths. They relish complexity and realize that no answer can be sufficient if you haven't generated the right questions. Nuance matters, as every English major knows. ■

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Advice from Orpheus

By Andrew Sofer

First dull the ear that craves pure tone.
As gravity warps the path of light,
so harmony must bend each one.

Learn to accept, when things fall flat
or sharpness hangs in air, the ruse
we know as equal temperament,

that necessary compromise.
No instrument whose pitch is set
can follow if you trade your muse.

Yet sometimes when you stop the fret
a god arrives under the wire,
and for an instant you can get

those overtones you used to hear—
an unexpected telegram
singing the music of the spheres.

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The author and his benefactors

IF THE SUIT FITS

by Matthew Weber, MA '08

The second time around

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE WORN THE CLOTHES of a man whom I never met. The clothes aren't strictly my size, but they fit. From purple cashmere sweaters to hand-tailored Italian three-piece suits, my meager graduate student's closet bursts with vestiges of the classic wardrobe of the late William F. Norton '57.

Sixty years ago, Bill Norton likely walked down Commonwealth Avenue too, and enjoyed the way the sun shined on Gasson Tower. The three to four days a week when I sport Bill's clothes I am conscious of this. Norton was a student of economics and a hard worker, who fulfilled his duty to the National Guard and went on to become one of Rhode Island's leading lawyers. Deeply committed to Catholicism, he probably attended weekday Mass in St. Mary's Chapel while an undergraduate more than a half century ago. In a way, it was a weekday Mass that introduced me to Bill.

Two years ago, as I was deciding which graduate school to

attend, I would often find myself praying about the decision at daily Mass in Providence, Rhode Island. Two elderly twin sisters often sat behind me. Now, if you sit in front of the same two people in church for any length of time, you're bound to get sized up. Apart from being judged on my singing ability and whether or not I put my feet on the kneeler, I had been literally sized up by these women, who'd agreed that I would probably fit into their deceased brother's clothes, which had seen the inside of a closet for the past 10 years.

One evening, after exchanging the sign of peace, I was asked by Catherine Norton to meet her and her sister Claire in the parking lot by their car trunk after Mass. Such an invitation might sound like the beginning of a scary story told round the campfire, but I too had done some sizing up and determined these venerable twins to be kind and good. And I was curious to see what they might have waiting for me in the trunk of a car, on a dark night.

It was the first suit of many, and thus began my relationship with

Bill Norton and his clothes. As a relatively skinny fellow, with long arms and short legs, I've learned that most clothes do not sit well on me, and I have to special-order some items. But after running back into the chapel bathroom to change, I was excited to see that my compatibility with Bill Norton was nearly exact.

Over the next few months, the generosity of the Norton sisters continued. They would periodically invite me to their car trunk after Mass and there would be a new round of apparel to try on and subsequently model for them in the parking lot. When I told them

of my intention to go to Boston College for graduate school, the next trunk load contained a vintage BC sweatshirt with an Eagles hat from the 1960s. From suits to sweats, William Norton's clothes have again made an appearance at Boston College, shielding yet another pale Irishman from the sun. ■

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ONE LAST CHANCE

by Reeves Wiedeman '08

The bucket lists of spring

AT EXACTLY 10:03 P.M. ON THE LAST NIGHT OF FINAL exams, four senior men, friends since freshman year, opened a can of beer apiece, which they savored, and then they walked out of Bapst Library's Gargan Hall together.

That same night, May 11, 2008, just outside on Bapst Lawn, six senior women prepared to sleep under the stars. Lit by the lamps of Linden Lane, an illuminated statue of Mary, and a not-quite-half moon, they settled on top of a plastic blue tarp, beneath piles of blankets. They drank Hi-C juice boxes and ate from a tub of trail mix that held down the tarp at one corner. They laughed. They talked about the flowers on the trees surrounding the lawn. They lamented graduation. They recounted stories from freshman year, when they had lived together on Newton Campus, and from senior year when they had lived together in Ignacio Hall. They talked about guys. They searched for constellations memorized in grade school. They debated the pros and cons of climbing Gasson Tower.

"Milo's afraid of heights," said Jennifer Bickford '08, mocking a fellow camper.

"I'd do it," retorted Milo Bernabo '08. "I just don't want to get caught."

A BCPD cruiser stopped and then slowly circled the lawn. Perhaps understanding that the night marked the beginning of the women's final week of college, and possibly impressed that they were braving the 42-degree temperature with sweatshirt hoods pulled tight around their faces, the officer drove off. Later in the night, a facilities truck paused 15 feet from the students before pulling away, leaving them to their drowsy talk. At 5 A.M., dawn over Boston, the women broke camp.

These were some of the many seniors who spent their final weeks in Chestnut Hill checking items off "bucket lists," committed to paper or kept in mind. Though the term became popular after the 2007 release of the Hollywood film *The Bucket List* (with Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson), BC students have for years been keeping track of what it is they want to do before they "kick the bucket"—or, in their case, leave Boston College. The following inventory is drawn from bucket lists compiled by members of the Class of 2008.

Pose for pictures with the St. Ignatius statue
Eat dinner at the table we always ate at
freshman year in Stuart Dining Hall
Ride a tandem bike around campus
Swim in the Tree of Life Fountain
Wear my hair in an afro while presenting on
a student admissions panel
Make sandwiches for the homeless guys
near Cleveland Circle
Actually have fun at Mary Ann's
Have a conversation with Angel, the custodian
in my building, in Spanish

Use the campus mail system for the first
time, to send letters to my crushes
Kiss on the 50-yard line of Alumni Stadium
Have a drink with School of Education Dean
John Cawthorne
Eat a New England Classic at Hillside Café
Go to a lacrosse game
Have a water gun fight in the Dustbowl
Have lunch with Fr. Jack Butler, Fr. Tony
Penna, and Fr. Jim Fleming
Go inside Gabelli Hall, for the first time in
four years

Have a scavenger hunt around campus
Mud wrestle in the Mods
Take a duck tour of Boston
Take a tour of the Sam Adams Brewery
Attend a freshman admissions tour and ask
ridiculous questions
Finally remember to bring money for the
collection at Mass
Eat the Eagle's Challenge (five-pound burger
and five pounds of fries) at Eagle's Deli
Tell everyone who made an impact on me,
thanks

Reeves Wiedeman spent the summer as an intern at *Sports Illustrated*.

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ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 11, 2008, the Church in the 21st Century Center at Boston College and the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University jointly sponsored a panel discussion, "Catholic Writers on Hope," at Fordham's Manhattan campus. The inspiration for the program was a book, *Take Heart: Catholic Writers on Hope in Our Time* (2007), edited by BCM editor Ben Birnbaum, who served as moderator of the discussion, in which four award-winning writers participated. They were the *New York Times* national correspondent Dan Barry; the essayist and memoirist Nancy Mairs; Carol Zalecki, of the Smith College faculty and coauthor of *Prayer: A History* (2005); and the poet Lawrence Joseph, author most recently of *Into It* (2005). Two of the panelists, Barry and Mairs, spoke of their encounters with grave illness—cancer and multiple sclerosis, respectively—and the following essays are drawn from their presentations.

ABDUCTED

By Dan Barry

A few weeks ago, my father died in a veterans' facility on Long Island. His lungs had finally betrayed him—or, more accurately, he had betrayed his lungs. He used to smoke as many as 80 cigarettes a day, his life lived in a wispy-edged bubble of bluish smoke.

My siblings and I often begged him to stop, but he would tell us to leave him alone. He had had a hard life, he'd say, with justification. He deserved this one pleasure. Besides, he'd say, coughing was the only exercise he ever got.



In 1992, the transept of Boston's Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, where healing services were held

In the hours before he died, I sat by his bed, watching him sleep under that velvet morphine blanket, and I hoped that he would wake up. I hoped that he would ask me to see if there was a W. C. Fields movie on television. I hoped that he would complain to me about yet another misspelling, another typo, another misuse of the language that he had found in the pages of the *New York Times*. I hoped that he would ask me to wheel him outside, so he could have another cigarette or two.

None of that happened. But I can't say that I felt my hope slipping away, as my father himself slipped away. What I felt instead was a sense that everything would be all right. For me, for my three siblings, but also for him, my father.

This might sound a little facile. But his many years of suffering and struggle had ended. And while I knew that I would ache to see him again, I also accepted his pass-

ing as just that, a passing to something else. Was that hope?

OVER THE COURSE OF MY LIFE, MY most fervent moments of prayer did not take place in a church, or while kneeling beside my bed, but in a forbidding building on York Avenue on New York's Upper East Side: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital. Death and salvation occur there, all day, all night—sometimes simultaneously, a drawn curtain apart, in the same semiprivate room.

When I was diagnosed with cancer eight years ago, it was a bad kind of cancer—not that there's really a good kind. But you know you're in for a rocky ride when the doctors avert their eyes while talking about your case. Instead of flesh and blood, you are now made of charts, X-rays, and dispassionate written reports.

I called up a friend of mine, a priest

who had married my wife and me. I saw him as God's agent, God's rep. And, of course, I had some complaining to do. His response was something along the lines of: Perhaps this is all part of God's plan.

Yeah, well, it ain't part of my plan. I was 41 years old, with an 18-month-old daughter. I had things to do.

So, for the next six months, and then for another six months after a recurrence years later, I wrestled with hope. As I went through my chemotherapy, my radiation, my major surgery, I could not tell whether I was driven onward by hope, or by the lack of any other option.

I know for certain that it wasn't courage that kept me going, because, to me, courage means having alternatives; it means rejecting the option of not pressing on. With cancer, most of the time, you have no choice but to fight back. You have to submit to surgery, accept the injection

of Drano into your veins, receive the odd gift of radiation.

Still, during my "courageous" battle, I found the strangest moment of peace. It came during my daily radiation treatment.

I would change into a white robe, almost like a baptismal gown, and sit in a room with other people wearing white robes. It was like the waiting room to heaven. Soon I would be led away and instructed to lie down on a gurney, with my hands raised behind my head. And then, on that gurney, I would be elevated—almost as if I were being presented to God with the question:

And what of him?

One of the contraptions around me would buzz. A laser beam would shoot into my chest where I had been tattooed, marked. All the while I would search for patterns on the ceiling that looked like a cross. And I would find relaxation; I would find comfort.

Were these moments of hope? On my darkest Irish days, I'd say: No. On other days, I'd say: Maybe.

REMEMBERING THAT ROOM FULL OF people in white robes, my body being raised up, my hope that there was something on the other side of those ceiling tiles, brings me back to thoughts of my father. Let me tell you why.

He had a difficult life, and only some of that difficulty was of his own doing. A child of the Great Depression in New York City, he endured poverty, abuse, and considerable time in an orphanage. Because his family was always one step ahead of bill collectors—or one step behind—he attended more than a dozen schools scattered around the five boroughs, started working full-time at 16, and finished high school at night.

In many ways, his adult experience was harder: cluster migraines, low-paying jobs, a stumble into alcohol abuse.

Anyway, this complicated man who died a few weeks ago in a vets' home—this man who read voraciously; whose world view could be summed up as "Pete Seeger, yes; Frank Sinatra, no"—this man was, of course, a believer in the existence of UFOs.

Let me rephrase that: He was a believer in the possibility of the existence of UFOs.

UFOs loomed over my childhood—

literally and figuratively. The family library seemed to include every UFO conspiracy book ever published, and family discussions during dinner often focused on crop circles and Roswell, New Mexico. I like to say that we may have been the only family that actually *wanted* to be abducted by aliens.

This meant that the Barrys often took

our desires with our needs and the needs of the rest of creation, that time has passed. And maybe there never was such a time, except in dreams. God only knows. At any rate, our technological capabilities have now so far outstripped our moral development that it seems likely that we really will blow ourselves up with nuclear devices or suffocate ourselves with petrol

Before radiation, I would change into a white robe, almost like a baptismal gown, and sit in a room with other people wearing white robes. It was like the waiting room to heaven.

drives in the family station wagon, searching the night skies for lights twinkling with possibility. And leading us always was my father.

Holding binoculars to his eyes, he would scan the darkness for any bit of glowing movement that might represent something beyond this world—something next. He seemed convinced it was there. I guess you could call that hope.

fumes or poison ourselves with chemical waste or drown ourselves in melted glaciers. There's no reason—apart from our own egocentricity—to think that the human species is going to survive over the long term or to view our extinction as an outrage. God loves us boundlessly but not best. The cosmos is infinite, and events will keep unfolding forever. One of them might be a minute flare toward the edge of a small galaxy signaling our passage.

Clearly, I do not take a meliorative view of the world. I don't believe that the cosmos was created by some entity looming outside of it in order that it would one day provide a habitable space for humanity. I don't believe that, once there was a humanity, its specimens progressed and improved over the eons until they reached the pinnacle: *us*. Nor do I believe, should there be further peaks beyond, we will climb higher and higher, perhaps even reaching angelhood. Nothing has been developed *for* our sake. Nothing has been developed *for* at all. The mysterious process of unfoldment has no utilitarian end. God just is—here, now, always.

To be hope-less is not at all the same state as to be hopeless, because every definition of hopeless I can find sounds ureliably doleful—one must be pathetic, doomed to failure, despondent, irredeemable. Because I have clinical depression, I have had such feelings from time to time, but I don't feel them now. I feel

WITHOUT EXPECTATIONS

By Nancy Mairs

I am perhaps the most hope-less woman you're likely to meet. More than 35 years of a chronic, incurable, degenerative disease have scoured hope, as the word is conventionally understood, right out of my soul. I can wish—long, yearn, pray—for recovery readily enough, but I cannot expect fulfillment. The disease is implacable. I will never be better tomorrow. If I'm lucky, I won't be worse, either. In any case, I'll become Whatever Happens Next, whether I want to or not.

Nor, as I've written elsewhere, am I especially sanguine about humanity's prospects. If there ever was a time when we could have turned down some less agonistic route, could have elected to balance

hope-less in the sense that one might refer to a woman as childless. Such a condition might be, as it was for my 95-year-old friend Elizabeth, "the great tragedy of [her] life"; for another woman, it may represent a well-considered choice. What the word means depends on context or testimony.

My hope-lessness has various meanings and consequences, not all of them honorable. From early childhood, I have not done well with disappointment. It crushes my spirit, and I can take a long time to recover even a modicum of equanimity. I know that others derive enormous joy from the period of hoping and, if the hope is thwarted, they wince and then go on to hope for something else. This experience is so disruptive to my emotional life, and I get so stuck in a wallow of despondency, that I have trained myself not to hope in the first place. Thus, my lack of hope is, in part, merely a dodge.

More seriously, I relinquished hope altogether in December 1990, when my husband was diagnosed with stage IV melanoma, the chance of recovery from which is vanishingly small. Everyone believed that he was likely going to die; the only uncertainty was when and how bad that dying would be. At that point, hope seemed a distraction. I was going to lose him, perhaps soon, and I wanted to be present in every one of the minutes we had left together, not fretting about some other moments that hadn't arrived yet. I dropped the future then, and I have never entirely taken it up again. For no ascertainable reason, George didn't die, and the time since has been sweeter than any other I have known. Hope gone, I feel anything but downcast. I feel free to live here, now, trusting that Whatever Happens Next will happen without taking particular account of my wishes.

"But how can you remain an activist if you feel that way?" asked a friend, a member of the community with which I worship, as though lack of hope rendered me incapable of noticing the people in need around me, as though optimism is required in order to feed the hungry, give them clean water and piles of warm clothes in the winter, comfort them when they fall ill, grieve when they die. "Do you think you are going to change the world?"

a reporter asked when I was instigating an antiwar poetry reading at the beginning of the war in Iraq. "Well," I snapped, "I'm not making it any worse!" He couldn't believe, I suppose, that someone would act without expectation of success. But if you focus on the outcome of your efforts, you are likely to do a sloppy job of the task at hand. Attention, not anticipation, motivates careful service.

I may not *feel* hope or *have* hope, but I *do* hope, one small act after another—and I find deep joy in the doing. In her piece "Tikkun Olam," the blogger Jennifer Jones writes that, according to Kabbalah, "To bring the spark of divine light into manifestation, or to unite our divine spark of light with that of God, we must engage in the spiritual journey, help the poor and needy. . . . With each deed of goodwill, we are helping to repair the bro-

ken universe. Humankind becomes co-creators with God as we work to bring the universe into its original divine form." This is the work of which Rav Tarfon says in the Mishnah, "You are not obligated to complete the task, but neither are you free to abandon it."

Without hope, I can only remain alive to the world and engaged with its creatures, rejoicing in the Holy that embraces us all. ■

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Data file: Who's there

Since fall 2004, C21 Online has offered non-credit courses to all comers in two styles: on-demand mini-classes that are free and self-guided; and moderated discussion classes (currently 10 of them) that run four to six weeks and involve groups of 20-25.

The discussion classes, available for a \$75 fee, have pulled well: "What Makes Us Catholic," based on the book of the same name by theology professor Thomas H. Groome, has enrolled 301 online students since it was first offered in fall 2004; another class, "Encountering Mark, Matthew, and Luke: The Synoptic Gospels," has enrolled 226 since spring 2006; and "Parents Handing on the Faith" has had 195 students since spring 2005.

Attendance at the on-demand courses has been strong also, with "The Death of Jesus" drawing 4,106 visitors since March 2006 and "The Birth of Jesus" drawing 9,143 visitors since December 2006. Here is a sample breakdown:

"Birth of Jesus" (launched December 2006)

Total visitors: 9,143

Total countries: 98

Countries with the most visits: United States (8,909), Philippines (682), Canada (614), Australia (606), United Kingdom (380)

Total states: 51 (including District of Columbia)

States with the most visits: Massachusetts (1,230), New York (884), California (660), Pennsylvania (511), New Jersey (433), Ohio (411)

For more information on course offerings, go to www.bc.edu/c21online.

—Anna Marie Murphy

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2008 Alumni Award Recipients Named

Trustee Robert L. Winston '60, retired senior vice president of American Funds Distributors, is the 2008 recipient of the William V. McKenney Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association. In 2005, he and his wife, Judith, led other benefactors in founding the Carroll School of Management's Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics, which engages business leaders, faculty, and students in ethical training and leadership formation. A longtime supporter of Boston College, he also serves on the Board of Trustees'



GARY WAYNE GILBERT AND ROSE LINCOLN

Sponsored by the Alumni Association, this year's Alumni Awards ceremony will feature the presentation of the William V. McKenney Award to Robert L. Winston '60 (left) and the GOLD Award to Brendan Kennealey '98.

Academic Affairs Committee and is a member of the Wall Street Council. Winston and three fellow graduates will receive awards on Friday, November 7, in ceremonies to be held in the Yawkey Center's Murray Room.

Brendan Kennealey '98 will accept the GOLD Award, which is presented by the Alumni Association to a deserving "graduate of the last decade." Kennealey is founder and president of Mission Schools International, which builds secondary schools in Africa for children with no access to education. He previously founded a Nativity Prep school in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and cofounded a similar one in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware. Kennealey is also founder and chairman of the Benebikira Sisters Foundation, through which he successfully secured funding to build a high school for 700 students in Rwanda.

The 2008 Alumni Award for Professional Excellence will be conferred upon Philip Landrigan '63. A pediatrician, epidemiologist, and internationally recognized leader in

public health and preventive medicine, Landrigan served as a senior advisor to the Environmental Protection Agency, where he helped establish a new Office of Children's Health Protection. He is currently chair of community and preventive medicine and professor of pediatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

Also being honored is Michelle Lyden '92, MS '97, recipient of the Ignatian Award, which recognizes an individual who lives the Ignatian mission of being "a person for others." Lyden is founder and president of Global Action, a nonprofit that seeks to improve the health of vulnerable populations in developing countries by reducing micronutrient malnutrition. Earlier this year, Lyden spoke on "The Moral Imperative to Act: Working for the Common Good of Humanity" at a campus event cosponsored by the Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics and the Alumni Association.

For more coverage, visit www.bc.edu/alumniawards.

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Lighting the Pathways: Alumni Spirituality Programs on the Rise

Thirty young alumni returned to the Heights the weekend of June 13–15 for a Pathways retreat that offered them a chance to reflect on their lives, their vocations, and their futures. Inspired by popular undergraduate retreats such as Intersections and 48HOURS, this spirituality program allowed alumni to rekindle the Ignatian tradition of prayer, reflection, and open communication with others.

"Getting to know yourself and your passions in life isn't the easiest thing to do for anyone," says Dianne Duffin '63, associate director of the Alumni Association's Office of Spirituality and Service. "The Pathways retreat was a way for those who graduated within the last decade to take part in this process of self-discovery while examining the larger and deeper meaning of one's vocation.

Several alumni attended the retreat as guest speakers to share insights gained from their post-graduation journeys. "I learned a great deal from hearing the stories of the

speakers and the other participants," offers Emily Brady '04, MA '07, one of the attendees. "The retreat helped me move along in my struggle to find joy and fulfillment in my life and the things I'm doing."

While Pathways is the most recent spirituality event offered by the Office of Spirituality and Service, it's only part of its greater effort to engage all alumni.

The retreat came on the heels of several spirituality programs, including a Lenten Breakfast Series held in February and March at the BC Club in downtown Boston, which attracted hundreds of alumni of all ages. "The breakfast series addressed many larger issues, but one was how to bring faith into the reality of the workplace," notes Dan Leahy '82, M.Ed. '91, assistant director of the Office of Spirituality and Service. Based on the success of such offerings, the office will continue to invest in programs that will appeal to BC's broad alumni base.

FOOTBALL FRENZY 2008 Home & Away

▷ Years that FanFest has entertained crowds in the Plex before home games: 7

▷ Average FanFest attendance: 950

▷ Gallons of clam chowder prepared for each event: 23

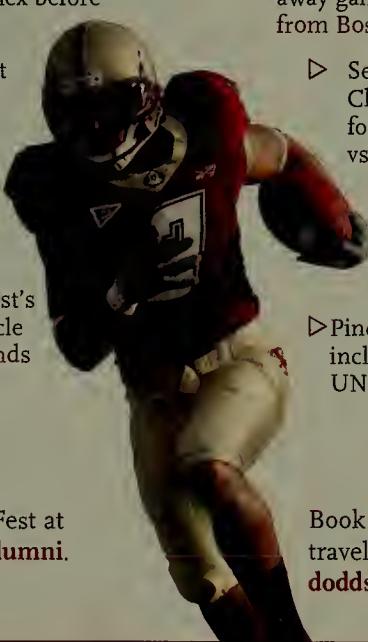
▷ Average time to complete FanFest's inflatable obstacle course: 25 seconds

▷ Total mileage to travel to all 2008 away games: 8,400 (round-trip from Boston)

▷ Seating capacity of Cleveland Browns Stadium for BC's August 30 opener vs. Kent St.: 73,200

▷ Weekend travel package to watch BC face FSU: \$525 (double occupancy)

▷ Pinehurst tee times included in a special UNC football tour: 3



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REUNION 2008

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Among the many celebrating reunions at the end of May were three generations of the family of Bill Hogan. Bill attended the Golden Eagle Society Breakfast on Saturday morning and then met up with his son William M. Hogan '63 and granddaughter Katheryn Hogan Ascione '93, who were also present for the weekend's activities. Bill has been active on another campus, as well: Earlier this year, he was invited to address a group of medical students on the subject of successful aging. He shared stories of his life experience and responded to questions at Tufts University School of Medicine, which

1935

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It is with sadness that I report that our classmate Frank Sullivan died on March 15 on Cape Cod. After graduating from Boston College, he enlisted in the Navy and served his country during World War II. He returned home to raise his family in West Roxbury and became a firefighter for the Boston Fire Department, retiring in 1978 as a district fire chief. His retirement years were spent in Cohasset and on Cape Cod. He is survived by his wife, Edna, and two sons, Frank of Cape Cod and Laurence of Vermont. Please keep Frank's family in your prayers.

1936

Correspondent: Joseph P. Keating
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I am sorry to have to report the death of Nick Santacross on April 5. Nick was a practicing physician in Quincy for many

Celebrating Reunion 2008 were three generations of the family of Bill Hogan.

has a collaborative relationship with the Lexington retirement community where Bill resides. • I am sad to report that Katharine M. (Hannigan), widow of John Reid O'Brien, MA'34, died on February 5 after a period of failing health. She had kept in touch with remaining class members until about five years ago when she became nursing home bound. Although not a student at Boston College, she had a close affection for the institution. She was the mother of John O'Brien Jr. '65, M.Ed.'66, and Katharine O'Brien Gibb '69, and the grandmother of Kathleen O'Brien Longson '88, and Paula O'Brien Curran '89.

years. Please remember Nick, his wife, and his family in your prayers. • We would like to close this, his final column, with a tribute to Joe Keating, who served as correspondent for the Class of 1936 for the extraordinary duration of more than 70 years. He passed away on June 21 at his home in Natick, where he had been a lifelong resident. Joe had been actively involved with Boston College from his days as a student in the early 1930s, when he drove to Chestnut Hill down Route 9 with two fellow students—two in the front, and (rain or shine) one in the rumble seat—until the current decade, when he continued to attend

BC football games and audited classes on Irish literature. A lieutenant in the Navy in the Pacific theater during World War II, Joe had a long career with Raytheon Corporation before retiring in 1986, and then working for the Boston Globe. Joe is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary (McCue); 5 daughters; his brother, 14 grandchildren, including David Coveney '90; and 10 great-grandchildren. Please keep memories of this very special man in your hearts, and remember his family in your prayers.

1937

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1939

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Greetings once again, "old-timers"! • According to my suspect statistics there are only about 40 Class of 1939 alumni still blessing the earth with our presence. Unfortunately, since our last class notes three of our friends have taken up heavenly citizenship: Peter Kerr JD'50, Saul Davis, and Alderic Richard. Peter we will all remember not only as an undergrad and alumni activist but as our longtime class treasurer. Saul was also active in both periods and in recent years was a lecturer in the alumni education program. Alderic we will recall as a popular classmate and one of our class football heroes. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to all of their families and friends. • Except for one welcome telephone call from Herb Chernack, my mail, e-mail, and telephone sources of class news are at zero status, but given our ages, this is more or less understandable. Still, some good news would be welcomed by all. • Finally, there's a false rumor that people of our age have some memory problems. Is that rumor true? What was the name of our

Jesuit dean in 1939? Who was the football coach? What was the name of our library? Where did we have our junior prom? Who was the lucky girl you escorted to the prom? • OK! "Nuff sed." Peace!

1940

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Back in 1940, the College graduated only about 35 men who were offered "bachelor of science in education" degrees. Most of our classmates were athletes and for the most part football players. Fr. Archdeacon tried unsuccessfully to put your correspondent with the elite of the class: those who planned on studying Latin and Greek. One other man in our group who also originally planned to become a teacher was James P. Carroll. Jim had been an athlete at St. John's High School in Cambridge but focused on his studies at the Heights. He was a member of the German Academy and Sodality. Jim lost his life in Germany in June 1944, leaving a wife and son. But our narrative has a happy ending. His widow, Cecilia Hurley, married another member of the Class of '40, Everett Noonan, also from Cambridge. Everett, along with his brother, was a Marine who survived Iwo Jima, among other battles. Everett adopted Jim's son and with Cecilia had four more children. Everett went on to have a very successful career as an engineer and international banker. He also was a world traveler. Sadly, Everett died in January. Truly, he ran the race and finished the course. His character was surely nurtured by four years at Chestnut Hill—another local boy who made good.

1941

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I am sorry to report the passing of Nick Sotille on July 1. Nick loved Boston College and was an enthusiastic supporter. A real gentlemen and an outstanding member of the Class of 1941, he will be sorely missed. The class offers its deepest regrets. • We'll continue our efforts to pay tribute to our alma mater, and we wish the best of health to our classmates.

1942

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REUNION 2008

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I had calls last week from Jim Harvey and Ernie Santosuoso, and I was delighted to hear from them. Sadly, they had seen the loss of another classmate, George Dimond, and hoped that I had too. I did, and the class sends its condolences to George's family. • Also with sadness, I report that Joseph D. Neylon, JD'51, died on June 9 in Stoneham. Joe had been an executive assistant district attorney of the Grand Jury at Middlesex Court House as well as a city solicitor for the City of Somerville. An Army veteran of World War II, he was also a commander and judge advocate of American Legion Post No. 19. He leaves his wife, Marjorie (O'Malley) Neylon; two children, Theresa Neylon of Washington and Mary Beth Talbot of Peabody; five grandchildren; and five siblings, Mary Mahaney; Elizabeth Neylon; Sr. Anne Denise, SND; Br. Joachim, CFX; and Br. John Baptist, CFX. The class offers condolences to the Neylon family. • Yale Richmond has published a memoir, *Practicing Public Diplomacy: A Cold War Odyssey* (Berghahn Books, 2008). In the book, he relates how, as a cultural officer in the U.S. foreign service, he practiced public diplomacy in Germany, Laos, Poland, Austria, the Soviet Union, and Washington DC. • Some time ago, the Alumni Association sent me a note from Mary Jane Sweet in regard to our late classmate, Fr. Tom Heath, OP. Mary is a leader in the Providence College community and a big supporter of the Dominican order. There is now an organization called Fr. Tom's Kids, to which donations can be made in Tom's memory. Fr. Tom, you may recall, wrote the poem "Proud Refrain" for Boston College.

1944

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It is now graduation time, and I am reminded of my own first significant graduation. It was in June of 1940, and the school was Boston College High School. There is no way that I can pretend that the emotions and the events of that day are still vivid. What is memorable is the number in that class who proceeded right along to become the Boston College Class of 1944. If my records are correct, those of us who are still celebrating those memories of long ago include Bob Bernard JD'49, Denis Bowen, John Cataldo, Frank Doherty, Walter Fitzgerald, Joe Krebs MA'49, George McLaughlin JD'50, Msgr. Bill Roche, Jim Rooney, Tom Soles, and Joe Tracy. Lastly I mention John O'Grady, also a member of that class, who died in February. John had a really extraordinary career as an obstetrician/gynecologist, having delivered over 8,000 babies. John and his wife, Ginny, also had a remarkable family, which at last count included 19 grandchildren. • The informal luncheons hosted by Fr. Bill McInnis, SJ, MA'51, continue to be a pleasure. The last one was on April 29, and those of us who attended included Joe Delaney, John Duggan, Joe Kelly, Bob O'Leary JD'49, and Don White H'94. The next luncheon is scheduled for October 16. Please call Fr. Bill at 617-552-8800, if you are available. • Again in the graduation department, Ed Thomas called recently to ask what thoughts anyone might have regarding our own approaching 65th anniversary in June 2009. I am assuming that golf outings and dinner-dances have been consigned to the past for our group. I hope a good number of us will be able to make it to Chestnut Hill for the occasion. Certainly such a milestone calls for some kind of special celebration. What are your thoughts? • Peace.

1945

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On June 4, we celebrated our 63rd anniversary memorial Mass and luncheon at Trinity Chapel and Barat House. Frs. Vincent M. Burns, SJ, MA'49, and Patrick J. Kelly celebrated the Mass. Yours truly did the reading and Bill Hamrock, the responsorial psalm. Leo McGrath said

the prayer of the faithful and David Hern and his wife, Clare, presented the gifts. The organist led us in songs and the recessional hymn. Despite the heavy rain, we had 32 participants. • Charlie Rogers came all the way from Maryland, and we enjoyed seeing him. Frankly, I don't know how he has the time to go anywhere, with 33 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren to keep track of. • My thanks to Paul Paget, MSW'49, who once again chaired this great event. Paul doesn't miss a thing and even brought his own boom box so that we could sing our "Alma Mater" at the conclusion. Paul's wife was the photographer, and she took a picture of all the classmates. We thank Paul and his wife for their help. • On the medical front, Vin Catalogna is in the VA Hospital in Bedford suffering with leg problems he has had since he parachuted out of his damaged plane in World War II. • Ed Burns missed our spring affair because his wife is suffering from vertigo and has not been able to fly. • The Founders Club of the petrochemical industry presented Tom Moran with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Tom led the formation of the original Founders Club and served as its first president. He spent many years in the oil business, starting with Shell in 1951. Among Tom's many talents are square dancing and singing in the barbershop chorus, The Kingsmen. He was a trustee of Boston College from 1980 to 1988 and later served as a trustee associate. Congratulations, Tom, on your award and your outstanding career in the oil industry. • Jake Santa Maria, MA'47, could not come to the spring Mass as his wife, Ida, fell, breaking a wrist and fracturing a hip. She is now in rehabilitation. • Fr. Pat Kelly celebrated 60 years as a priest at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Woburn. The Third Degree Knights of Columbus initiated and arranged the Mass and reception for Fr. Pat. • Fr. Vin Burns celebrated 50 years as a priest in 2007. • Lillian and I were very pleased to attend the Pike's Peak Hockey Annual Awards Dinner to celebrate our hockey team's NCAA championship. It was a great event and a tribute to Coach Jerry York '67, M.Ed.'70, CAES'73, and his hockey team. • That's it for now. Please note my new e-mail address: LVSorgi@rcn.com.

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Tom Moran, class vice president, celebrated his 61st wedding anniversary with his wife, Dorothy, on August 7, 2007. Tom was director of athletics for the City of Boston for many years. • **Jack Landers** notified us of the death of **Jim Cahill** on February 28. Jim served as a lieutenant in World War II and also in the Korean War. In his naval career, he was a pioneer in underwater activities in what became known as the Navy SEAL. He was also the head of security of Boston Harbor for the Navy. He later started New England Divers, which became a nationwide enterprise, and from 1981 to 1991 he was the harbormaster for the City of Salem. Jim was the father of seven children.

1948

REUNION 2008

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1949

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It's June 8 and a very hot day in Savin Hill on the beautiful South Shore. • We had a good group at the annual spring play and reception on April 27. Attending were **Mary Lyons Amsler**, Eleanor '58 and Ed McCabe, **Bea Lennon**, Dot and **John McQuillan**, Margaret and **Ernie Ciampa**, Jim Crounse with Jan and Bill, Alice and Phil Doyle, **Joe Gauvin**, Sally and **John Meany**, Mary and **Vin Nuccio**, Joan and **Gerry Pucillo**, Paula and **Peter Rogerson**, Louise (Mahoney) MA'56 and Jim Whelton, Bill Cohan, Ed M.Ed.'51 and **Mary (Weidman) Croke**, Margaret and Sahag Dakesian MS'51, Mary and **John Prince** M.Ed.'51, Mary Murphy, Mary Dowd, Armedia and **Donald St. Andre** M.Ed.'55, **Lou Visco** MS'51, Pat and **John Waite** MA'51, and **Charlie McKenna**. Carol and **Don McA'Nulty** had reservations, but I don't recall seeing them there. We all owe

a debt of gratitude to Ernie Ciampa for his help and suggestions—the meal at the reception was outstanding. • On May 9 we saw several '49ers at the Shaw Society reception at BC Night at the Pops. Among them were Pat and **John Turner**, Dot and **John McQuillan**, Mary Dowd, and Mary Murphy. • I received a note from **Ira Mogul** in Florida telling of the passing of his dear wife, Margaret, late last year. Our condolences go out to you, Ira, and to your family. • Jack Waite sent an e-mail reporting the passing of **Tom Mullaney**, M.Ed.'54, from Winchester. Tom was a marshal in 1974 during our 25th anniversary celebration. • We have been notified by the Alumni Association that the Lifelong Learning Institute has been terminated. We had been active in it since **Billy Flaherty** and the late **Joe Dowd** and **Eddie Murphy** MS'51 formed it for older alumni in 1992. We could use any help you can give to help us restore this 16-year-old tradition of our Alumni Association and our great Boston College's contribution to the intellectual and social life of over 350 alumni and friends of the University. • Please send news.

1950

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We were represented at the Laetare Mass and brunch by the following class members: **Bill Horrigan** M.Ed.'54, president, with daughter Kathleen (Horrigan) Sakati '87, MS'95; **Brendan Fleming** MA'53, treasurer; **Frank Carr**, secretary, and wife Anne; **Claire** and **Richard L. Burke**; **John Casey** and daughter **Rita** '91; **Paul Coleman** and sons; **Ted Quinn**; and **Virginia** and **John D. Sullivan**. • The Class of 1950's golf outing of June 11 will be history when you read this, but here is some information about it. There were 19 classmates registered at the Atlantic Country Club, Plymouth. The \$66 greens fee included cart, food, and beverage and were courtesy of the Class of 1950. **Gerry Daly** has put a lot of time into this project. I wish him success. • **Bertrand E. Shannon** of Norwood died at home on May 12. He leaves his wife of 54 years, Anne; 8 children; 19 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. A World War II Army veteran, Bert was a retired accountant for Caritas Norwood Hospital. Bert's hobby was letter writing. He wrote letters to the editors of many newspapers in the area and taught

1946

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his family the importance of making their voices heard. In the years 1946-50, Bert's classmates in the accounting department of the business school actually looked forward to final exams each spring. They knew that the exams would be followed by some surfside softball at Nantasket Beach as well as beverages at the Shannon summer home, which was on a hill in Hull. Those were precious days. • George Osganian of South Chatham, formerly of Waltham, died on May 18. He leaves his wife, Nora; three sons; and nine grandchildren. A World War II Navy veteran, George was interred at the VA National Cemetery of Bourne. • Edwin J. Loschi passed away on February 23. Ed served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, then earned his doctorate in dental surgery from Loyola Dental School. He practiced dentistry in Stoneham and Medford for many years and was also a member of the Middlesex Dental Society, serving two terms as secretary. Our prayers go out to his wife, Barbara (Donovan), and their four children. • I am glad to report that the Poirier twins will begin college this September. Brad is going to Bentley to major in finance, and Luke is going to UMass Dartmouth to major in engineering. Their grandmother, Janet Coen, informed me that the twins' mother, Jill, graduated from Bentley.

NC 1950-53

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Word has come of the death of Bill O'Connell, husband of Maureen Higgins O'Connell '52 and brother of Rita O'Connell Donahue '52. Bill had a long career with IBM in California. In addition to Maureen, he leaves 4 children and 12 grandchildren. Please keep them all in your prayers. • I would love to have news from any and all of you!

1951

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Several classmates have called or written, and in every case, the correspondence has been most welcome and enjoyable. • Frank Hurley sent a note to recall old times growing up in Dorchester. He taught in the Boston

IN FOCUS

Robert A. Parker '50, P'84, bought his first camera, a Leica 3F, when he was a U.S. Army corporal stationed in Germany in the early 1950s—little realizing how photography would complement his future writing career.

A decade later, Parker was applying to corporate publications the same sense of design and proportion that photography requires—and starting to win awards as a writer and editor, as well as a photographer. "My life became a marriage of words, images, and design," he says.

Now retired, he calls photography "a blend of simplicity, isolation, and light." His images were recently featured in the BC online arts magazine, *Epicenters*, which published his photos of Hanseatic houses in Norway and a Utah rodeo, among others. Parker has also had more than 20 solo shows—from the Venezuelan Consulate in Manhattan to Fairleigh Dickinson University—and has been in many juried exhibitions.

From his home in Nutley, New Jersey, Parker reflects on his hobby and his life:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

When Norman Pearlstine, then of *The Wall Street Journal*, congratulated me on creating *FE* (*Financial Executive*) magazine. I didn't even know who he was at the time!

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

All the family moments that make life special: marriage, children, etc.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

I was too shy as an undergraduate to have many, and I'm too old now to remember them!

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

To have a solo photography exhibit in a museum or commercial gallery.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

I average one novel a week—and write about each one. So that answer always changes.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

I write my own literary opinions now, rather than follow the critics.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON IN LIFE?

Be a good person...with a capital "G."

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO EACH DAY?

Creating something new in either images or words. Playwriting is my latest thing.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE THE MOST?

My wife, Margot. Her influence is subtle, but always wise.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE BC CAMPUS?

A library. Any library.



Robert A. Parker calls his life a "marriage of words, images, and design," and his photography has been featured in more than 20 solo shows.

school system and retired as an administrator. • Dave McAvinn reported that, although retired, he still keeps his hand in the insurance agency that his son now runs. • Fran Harrington called one evening, and we chatted for a good hour before I heard his wife in the background, urging him to free up their line. One of the more edifying things about our conversation was his detailing his career after BC. He played hockey in the Olympics before entering the business world and ran several enterprises before being asked to help St. Anselm's College start a hockey program. Although he did so gratis at first, eventually the college prevailed upon Fran to accept the position of coach. He guided the program for about 20 years, during which he was able to recruit players who won several conference championships. To this day, Fran does not bask in glory over his notable achievements but rather reflects a Jesuit-inspired gratitude for the contributions to society that his players have made. • Charles Ziegler, MS'52, has had a career that took a twist he probably never imagined. A physics major, he worked in the Bureau of Standards and at Tracerlab. He then cofounded a company, Panametrics, which he led for about 20 years before selling it and starting companies in Ireland and Puerto Rico. During this time, he developed an interest in anthropology and is now doing research and publishing at Brandeis. Charlie has also written books and numerous articles. • Congratulations to several of our athletic teams. The football team finished at number 10, and the men's hockey team won the national title. We can all be delighted with the *Forbes* designation of alma mater as number 11 nationally among private universities. • An important consideration facing BC, if we are to remain competitive, is the challenge of increasing the endowment. As a member of the steering committee of the Shaw Society, which is engaged in encouraging alumni to develop their estate plans, I offer advice to all to pay attention to this matter, first, to more effectively preserve assets that are often eroded through taxation and are lost to family and/or other beneficiaries and, second, to benefit recipients such as BC. I, or a member of the Gift Planning office, will be more than happy to discuss this matter, with no obligation.

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On March 28, my wife, Carole, and I had the pleasure of attending the Distinguished Volunteer Tribute Dinner at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston. The dinner, attended by some 750 individuals, honored six alumni who have performed outstanding work as volunteers for BC. Among them were Regina and Tom McElroy, who received the John P. Curley Award for their efforts in raising over \$1.5 million for scholarships for student athletes. The scholarships are in memory of their son Tom '80, who died at age 22 shortly after he graduated from BC. Another '52er at the dinner, former Speaker of the Massachusetts House and Attorney General Bob Quinn, extended his personal congratulations to Tom and Regina. The Tom McElroy Golf Tournament is coming up in August and is worthy of your participation as it is the source of the scholarships described above. • From Sonoma, CA, comes word from Dick Schwartz that retirement life keeps him busy. Dick serves on the Area Agency for Aging after having served on the Area Community Development Council. He also is a member of the advisory board of a homeless shelter. • Tom O'Keefe,

Greene died in Mountain Valley, CA, on December 21, 2007, and Al Perreault passed away in New Britain, CT, on April 8, 2008. Please remember in your prayers the families of these classmates we have lost.

• Please mark Sunday, November 2, on your calendar for the annual memorial Mass.

1953

REUNION 2008

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Gasson 100 was the site of our 55th reunion luncheon. Eighty-nine classmates and friends gathered for some sociability and fine food. President Paul Coughlin welcomed the group and introduced Fr. Larry Drennan, who gave the blessing. A delicious beef tenderloin luncheon with all the extras was served. After the meal and before dessert President Paul introduced Dr. James P. McIntyre '57, M.Ed.'61, D.Ed.'67, BC's senior vice president, who presented an update on what was happening at the University. Joanne and Mo

Regina and Tom McElroy received the John P. Curley Award for their efforts in raising over \$1.5 million for scholarships for student athletes.

Charlie Haney, Tom Hayes, Charlie Daly, John Irwin JD'57, Bob Barry, Bob Doherty, and Hugh Donaghue wish their classmates a happy and healthy summer. • Art Powell's wife, Joan, is home from the hospital and was hoping to join the group that planned to go to Cranwell in late June. • I received a note from Bob Quinn reporting that he and wife Claudina met Bob Ferroli's sister Emily at St. John's Church in Pocasset. Emily related the sad news that Bob Ferroli died in April in Elkhart, IN. Bob had a distinguished career, including military service, from which he retired as a colonel. • It is also with deep regret and sadness that I report the passing of several other classmates. John McHale died on January 7. As you may recall, John had a great personality and was always willing to help when a project needed extra hands. Harry H. Trask Jr. died on May 11. An Air Force veteran of the Korean conflict, he was later a principal engineer with Raytheon's Missile Systems in Bedford for 40 years. Bill

Hart were seen dining with Rosemary and Gene Sullivan, Betty and Bob Sullivan M.Ed.'60, Ed O'Rourke, and John Norton. Jean and Paul Murray, Maureen and Bob McCarthy, Mary and Jim Willwerth, and Maureen and Joe Tower shared a table. Anne and Bill McSweeney, Joan and Dick Horan, Claire and Ray Kenney JD'58, and Helen and Jim Queenan JD'58 shared another table. All the way from Pittsford, NY, Josephine "Jo" and Tony Carli hosted a table with Margaret and Tom Vanderslice H'03, Pat and Francis Sullivan, and Tom Casey. Priscilla and Dennis Cronin, Mary and Bob Willis, Fr. Larry Drennan, Barbara and Austin Smith, and Phil Kerivan were spotted together. Chris and Jack Lynch, Constance and Joe DeSimone, Carole and Dick Scalise JD'57, and Art Tierney shared a table. Others dining together were Dave Morrissey MA'60, MST'65; Fr. Joe Appleyard, SJ; Joan and Frank Ward MBA'70; and John O'Gorman. Jane and Tim Daly, Robert Feinberg MS'54, Doris and Richard

Carbone, and Eunice and Paul Twitchell MS'62 dined together. Others in attendance were Nancy and David Lane, Jim Wholly and Janice Quirk, Mary and Dick Buckley, Muriel and Art Delaney, Nancy Duggan, Marie and Matt Flaherty, Gerry and John McCauley, Maryanne and Paul Coughlin, Dick Curran and Judith Golden, Mary Ann and Eugene Beliveau, Marion and Peter Gianino, and Maryanne and Lawrence Costello. • Other classmates who had intended to participate but didn't make it were Barbara and John Burns, Gail Coleran, Joanne Keating, Roger Perfetti, Elaine and Paul Shield, and Dolly and Joseph Donovan. Katherine, wife of Fred Conroy, JD'56, wrote to tell us that Fred had extensive eye surgery in early May, and as the recovery schedule is at least six weeks, they could not attend. I also heard from Jack Costa, "Our congratulations to the Class of 1953 and all the members able to make it to this 55th reunion. Just wanted you to know Mimi and I will not be in the Boston area for the event this year. We're headed to the DC area to attend the graduations of two grandchildren. Take care and have a super 55th celebration!" • The Wayland Country Club was the site for our 14th annual class golf tournament on May 29. The format was the usual Florida-type scramble. Although we hoped for more golfers, only 16 showed up for play. Please go to the BC alumni online community for all the results. • Dick Horan sent me his annual report on the Fr. Joseph T. Greer '53 Endowment Fund. The market value of the fund on June 1, 2007, was \$223,603, providing \$9,364 for scholarship aid. Dick also wrote me about the celebration on April 27 at St. Gregory's in Lower Mills. On this day, many folks came together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Msgr. Paul T. Ryan on February 3, 1958. • To get the full story of these and other class activities go to www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. To log in use your BC ID, which is printed above your name on the BC Magazine label.

1954

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I saw Bob O'Brien, Bill McCarthy JD'60, Paul Sullivan MBA'64 and his family, and

Marge (Molloy) '58 and Pete Vasaturo at Laetare Sunday Mass. • In mid-May we had a minireunion in Portland, ME; we had great weather and a good time. Attending were Lori and Lou Totino MBA'65, Pat and Bob King, Mary and Murray Regan, Kathy and Peter Nobile, Janet and Paul McKenna, Betty and Tom Warren, Clare M.Ed.'73 and Frank McLaughlin MA'57, Pat M.Ed.'58 and Ed Kodzis, Ray MacPherson, Mario DiBiase, Joe Skerry, Ed Collins, Ed Smith, and Jane and John Ford MSW'61. • Sadly, since we last wrote, we have lost classmates Bob Barry and Joe Oliverio, as well as Charley Pelczarski's wife, Connie. I had the opportunity to attend Connie's funeral in her hometown of Three Rivers. One of her students from long ago gave a eulogy that chronicled how Connie inspired so many of them to venture out into a larger world and make their mark—a wonderful tribute! • I heard from John Cawley with the sad news that his wife, Barbara, had died suddenly at the beginning of 2007. After John and Barbara moved back from Pennsylvania a few years ago, they were regulars at our minireunions. • Our next class event will be the memorial Mass on Sunday, November 2. Lou Totino is making the arrangements, as usual. A formal announcement will be sent out around Labor Day. Perhaps you might be returning to New England about that time and would like to attend. If so, or if you would like more information, please call Lou at 781-329-9612. PS: Lou arranges the Mass date so that it does not fall on a football weekend. Who said that the Class of 1954 did not have its priorities straight? • BC now has formal 55th-year class reunions. We will be formulating plans in early fall, and you will get word of the date shortly thereafter. • If you have any suggestions for reunion events, or you would like to serve on the Reunion Committee, please write to me, John Ford, at JRFEAGLE@verizon.net or call 508-755-3615.

NC 1954

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We welcome new correspondent Mary Helen Fitzgerald Daly, who has graciously signed on to report news for the Newton College Class of 1954 beginning with the Fall issue of the magazine. Please call or write to her at the above address—let her

know about yourselves, your children and grandchildren, your summer activities, or your meetings or conversations with classmates. She is looking forward to hearing from you!

1955

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When the students in a Boston school return in September, they will find a caring friend, nurse, and advocate missing from the health office. Sally Walsh Logan has finally retired for good. Sally originally retired in 1999 but stayed on as a substitute. She planned to spend her summer in Newburyport. • Bob Kelleher had a mini BC High class reunion last Spring. Joining him were Dick Renehan, John Vozzella, Bob Connors, Pat Stanton MBA'66, Ralph Wellings, Paul Sheehan, and Dick Jagolta '56. Bob Connors is still doing a grand job as chairperson of the Council of Aging in Dover. • At a time when many of us either have retired or are about to retire, Fr. Bert Stankard has accepted a new assignment. A new team ministry has been formed at his parish, St. Stephen's in Framingham, and he is to be an active part of it. We wish him well. • Even though you will be reading this column toward the end of the summer, I'd like to ask you to please get out your datebook, BlackBerry, or whatever you are using to make appointments, and put the alumni Veterans Mass and Remembrance Ceremony in it for November 11. The Mass begins at 10 a.m. in Gasson Hall. We hope to have a groundbreaking for the proposed veterans memorial wall before Mass. The speaker will be retired Marine Corps General John Sheehan '62. • I have received word that God has called another classmate home. John J. Leary, MAT'57, began his eternal life on March 16. John Brennan, the brother of Mary Jane Brennan Geis, MS'65, also has begun his eternal life. John died on June 8. I know all of you join me in sending prayers and sympathy to Mary Jane and her family and to the family of John Leary. • With deep sadness, I must also report that Robert E. McIntyre '55 of Westwood passed away on April 1, 2008. After a 20-year career as a cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon, which was cut short by the debilitating

effects of multiple sclerosis, he went on to law school at age 59, and then started a new career reviewing medical malpractice cases. His son Robert McIntyre wrote, "his motto [was] 'Anything you want to do, you can do, just make up your mind and do it—and he lived it.' He leaves his wife of 45 years, 9 children, 17 grandchildren, and 5 siblings, including Kevin McIntyre '57 and Ronald A. McIntyre '59.

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In March, Joan and Joe Danieli attended Fr. Leahy's Mass and a brunch sponsored by BC's Southwest Florida Chapter at Tiburon for more than 250 graduates and spouses. They saw Bea and Peter Colleary; Pat and Dick Doherty MA'58, JD'63; and Pat and Bob Austin. • Some 33 of us went on the first class tour of the Brighton campus, which BC purchased from the Archdiocese of Boston. Dan '55 and Carolyn Ann Kenney Foley welcomed us for lunch; a trolley tour was led by Professor James O'Toole '72, Ph.D.'87, former archivist for the archdiocese; and Mass was celebrated by our own Fr. Dave Gill, SJ, MA'60. After lunch, Professor O'Toole described the residence, which had been a gift to William Cardinal O'Connell, and other campus buildings. (Dan and Carolyn were recovering after moving from an 11-room house with attic, cellar, and three-car garage to a condo.) • Wedding bells rang loudly for Kathleen Donovan Goudie's family. Her youngest, Kara Therese, married Thomas Taddeo, formerly of Rochester, NY, in May, while another daughter, Colleen Patricia, planned to renew her marriage vows in July to Dogan Yuksel, formerly of Turkey. Her son Sean Xavier and his wife, Tina Chen, accepted tenured positions at Penn State University, after teaching at Vanderbilt. A *Boston Phoenix* poll named another son, Douglas Patrick of FOX25, "best newscaster." • After visiting Korea in May with

students and faculty from the Boston Theological Institute, a consortium of seminaries, Rev. Ray Helmick, SJ, brother of my wife, Marie, MA'55, was scheduled to repeat a conflict resolution seminar in Bangkok in July. • Maire and Jim McLaughlin spent February and two weeks of March in Florida, playing in four croquet tournaments. Maire won the Second Flight doubles championship at Audubon, and Jim went undefeated in seven matches to win the Boca Grande Second Flight singles championship. Jim and Maire were among the 100 U.S. and Caribbean invitees to participate in the National Croquet Centers tournament. Playing together, they reached the Third Flight finals where they lost 13-11. • Please pray for classmates and their families who have suffered illnesses and deaths. Jim Foley e-mailed me that Eugene Sweeney died in April. After graduating from BC, he received a master's degree in education from Salem State College. He taught math at Woburn High School for 25 years and later at the Joyce Middle School in Woburn for 12 years. • Thanks to all who sent news! Read more on BC's online community at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html.

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Brenda and Joe Burke's 50th wedding anniversary was this past January, but they celebrated it on April 13 at St. Anthony's Church in East Falmouth. The Burkes received the papal blessing. • Br. John M. Collins, CFX, sent his special greetings to me and all our classmates from Nairobi, Kenya. He had just returned from one month in the Congo and said he planned to remain in Kenya for the month of March. In both the Congo and Kenya he has been working in the area of spiritual formation with young African Xaverian Brothers. He had been engaged in a similar ministry there for three months last year. Br. John would like us to keep him in our

thoughts and prayers as he continues to labor in the fields of the Lord. • In October, John T. Conway's son, Fr. Mike Conway, SDB, will have been a member of the Salesian Order for 25 years. Fr. Mike was recently appointed the new director and president of St. Petersburg (FL) Catholic High School. • Joan and Bill Cunningham, together with Maureen and John Harrington, MBA'66, hosted a cocktail party and dinner at the Strand Country Club in Naples on March 11 with 36 classmates and spouses in attendance. Ed Brickley dropped me a note, indicating how very special this event was for all who attended. • The dining hall at Westfield State College was recently named in honor of our classmate, Rev. John T. Dean, M.Ed.'59. • Dotty and George Hennessy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 14. • John Wissler, MBA'72, dropped me a note regarding Paul Killoran, his freshman-year roommate. Unfortunately, Paul had a stroke on August 10, 2007. He was running late for a doctor's appointment and had difficulty answering a phone call from his doctor. As a result, the doctor immediately called 911, and due to the rapid response of the EMTs, Paul's life was saved. Today, he is undergoing physical, speech, and occupational therapy daily at the Fairfax (VA) Nursing Center. Your prayers are requested for Paul. • Mario L. Mozzillo is the winner of the 1st Annual BookWise National Author's Contest for his book *Respect the Dead* (CMS Publishing, 2008). • Our Double Eagle classmates attended their 55th reunion from BC High School on Saturday, June 7—a great time and another milestone! • Class dues in the amount of \$25 should be remitted to Bill Tobin, MBA'70, at 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746. • Best wishes for a very healthy and happy summer.

NC 1957

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What a class and how we love to get together—just one year after our 50th! We certainly know how to keep the Sacred Heart spirit alive. The nuns would be proud! • The Naples and Sarasota area was the site again for loyal classmates

to enjoy lunch. Present were Neil and Joan (Hanlon) Curley, Dick and Peg (McMurrer) Haberlin, Vin and Vinnie (Murray) Burns, and Dick and Carol (McCurdy) Regenauer. Bill and Kate (McCann) Benson were nearby but had to miss the gathering. Joan is visiting classrooms with books she has written about the faraway places she has visited during her career; Peg has been wintering in Naples since 1980, but otherwise is in the Boston area; Vinnie winters there but summers in Wayne, ME—what a contrast—and still enjoys tennis and golf. Carol's Dick has a new hip, as does Carol Ann (Sheehan) Ryan's husband, Brad. Both are doing well. • In May, the Boston group had a day of great cuisine, company, chatter, and culture at the Museum of Fine Arts. Cathy (Connolly) Beatty, Nancy Bowdring, Carol Regenauer, and Connie (Weldon) LeMaire were there, as well as Connie (Hanley) Smith, who drove up from New York City. Everyone is in good shape—can't begin to relay all the news. Carol Ann, Lucille Saccone Giovino, Judy Scannell Donovan MSW'59, and Diane Russell McDonough had conflicts but promised next time we'll double our numbers! Our star vocalist Cathy had just completed two concerts with programs of familiar arias, Neapolitan love songs, and show tunes. She says she has no problem vocally, but admits memorizing lyrics can be a challenge—I doubt it. • Not to be outdone, the Washington DC contingency, with husbands, gathered at John and Mary Winslow Poole's house to host Elaine Conley Banahan as she and Percy were catching a flight back to Ireland after visiting children and grandchildren in Kentucky. How wonderful to hear those brogues. Locals Kit and Liz (Doyle) Eckl and David and Ellie (Pope) Clem were joined by Connie LeMaire, who flew in to surprise her old roommate! It was a sublime setting for a glorious meal and conversation. Liz reported spending time with Barbara Lowe Eckel, MSW'59, during a trip to Atlanta. Barbara is a master gardener and gives presentations on yoga and relaxation mind/body exercise. She is also planning her Jamaican high school reunion—wow! Ellie told of the thrill of attending the pope's outdoor Mass during his recent visit to Washington. • Unfortunately, we have sad news from Mary Ann Morley Bernhard, who asks for our prayers as she deals with serious health problems. • Do send news and keep on connecting!

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Our 50th reunion was fabulous. Housing accommodations, bus transportation to campus events and seminars, class dinners, and even the weather were all top notch. Many thanks to Paul Maney, MBA'66, for a superb job organizing the class golf tournament and dinner on May 28. One of the many highlights of the weekend was the seminar *The Way We Were in 1958* moderated by *Boston College Magazine* editor Ben Birnbaum, with University President William P. Leahy, SJ, in attendance. The panelists, who shared many fond memories and evoked laughter from the audience, were classmates Jim Murphy, Paul Fennell, Sheldon Daly, Pat Brine O'Riordan, and Margaret Molloy Vasaturo. • At the Golden Eagle investiture and luncheon, Fr. Leahy joined John Feudo '82, Ken Pierce '79, Marian Bernardini DeLollis, Roland and Joan Downing Lachance, and Bill '57 and Denise O'Brien Dunn at a table where much good humor was enjoyed. Over the course of the event, many alums came by the Dunns' table: Peter and Marge Molloy Vasaturo, Vic '57 and Annette Collins Popeo, Johanna Pallotta, Rose O'Brien Sperry, Tom and Pat Dwyer Connolly, Billy Bulger JD'61, Joe Giere, Mike Grady, Paul Fennell, Mike Frazier, Katty Whalen Kenney, Pat Brine O'Riordan, Ellen Every Yavel, and Marilyn Mueller Johnson. Congratulations to Annette and Vic, who just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. • Enjoying each other's company at another table were Maureen O'Callahan Madell, who came

from Chicago for the event; Lois Zeramby Shea; Alice Donahoe Lynch; and the Dunns' daughter Denise. • On a very sad note, George "Bo" Strom passed away a few weeks before the reunion. For 50 years, Bo had been a very active member of the class committee, and we all miss him very much. Bernardine Strom and her daughter and son accepted a Golden Eagle pin on Bo's behalf. • Bill McGovern wrote to say that due to illness he could not attend the reunion, but he sends greetings to everyone. • The BC alums were delighted to see a number of Newton College alumnae, who enjoyed a warm welcome from Fr. Leahy, the Alumni Association, and Fr. Monan. • Special thanks to Bea Capraro Busa, who served as honorary chief marshal at Commencement and is a devoted leader of the Class Committee. Bea accepted a certificate of membership in the Society of Golden Eagles on behalf of the entire class. • Many thanks to Ann Connor, staff liaison of the Alumni Association, who did a superb job organizing the '58 events and activities of the 50th reunion weekend. • Mark your calendars for November 9, when there will be a class jazz brunch and distribution of yearbooks. For those that have not ordered their yearbook, there may be a few extra copies available. Please contact the Alumni Association. • The word is, our class has broken the attendance record for a 50th anniversary class. • A reporter from the *Boston Globe*'s society page spotted Commodore Dennis of the Oysterville Yacht Club with Ed Gilmore, vice commodore of the Marco Island Station; Frisco Frankie O'Neill, vice commodore of the San Francisco Station; and yours truly, vice commodore of the Naples Station, having lunch at Wimpy's restaurant. • Don't forget your class dues. Send \$25 to Jack "Mucca" McDevitt, 28 Cedar Road, Medford, MA

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02155. • Many thanks to Denise O'Brien Dunn for her contribution to these notes.

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It is with great sorrow that I report the passing of **William York Jr.** on June 9. A funeral Mass was said for Bill at St. Ignatius on June 13. He was a loyal and generous son of Boston College, and his loss will be felt deeply by all who knew him. • I am saddened to report the passing of **Gerry McElaney**, MBA'66, of Norwalk, CT, on February 18. Our condolences go to his wife, Barbara, and his family. Condolences also go to the families of other members of our class who have passed away: Charles Aronis of Burlington; David Manning of Hartford, CT; **Ronald Pine** MS'63 of Everett; and Lawrence Sindoni of North Weymouth. • The planning process for the 50th anniversary year is making progress under reunion chair **Peter McLaughlin**. Committees have been formed and committee chairs have been named: Events, Bill Sherman; Class Gifts, **Marty Redington**; Yearbook, **Beth Grady** MS'64; and Communications, **Frank Martin**. Committee members include Bill Carnes MBA'65, **Joseph Leary Jr.**, Frank Smith M.Ed.'62, Betsy Keohane, Ed Kirby JD'72, Tom Whalen MBA'68, Phil Doherty, Arthur Kaplan, Tom Mahoney, Dick Roche, Paul Andrews, Bill Appleyard, Dave Breen, Tony Busa, Jack Canavan, Jim Cappelletti, Dick Ganong, Larry Harding MBA'69, Charlie Lynch, Brian McNiff, Denis Minihane, Bill Brown, Frank Collins, George Holland MS'61, Jack Madden JD'62, Charlie McCullagh, Joe McGuill, John O'Connor, Jack Magee, Jim Marrinan MSW'61, Vin Sylvia, and Bill Shea. • If you would like to join the committee in any capacity, please contact Eva Maynard '97 of the Alumni Association at 617-552-4757 or by e-mail at maynarde@bc.edu. All class members are encouraged to participate! The kickoff event will be the weekend of

September 12-14 at the Ocean Edge in Brewster and will include a reception on Friday evening at the home of **Joe Corcoran**. Please notify Eva if you wish to attend. • Other events planned include Freshman Convocation, September 18; the BC-Clemson football game and reception, November 1; Christmas Chorale concert, December 5-7; a basketball game and reception, January 2009; Arts Festival evening, April 25; Family Night at the Pops, May 15; Commencement, May 18; and Reunion Weekend at the end of May. We hope to see as many classmates as possible at these activities—especially at the reunion, when we will become *Golden Eagles*. • If you have not submitted your biographies for the anniversary yearbook, please do so as soon as possible; we would like everyone to be included. • If you have not paid your class dues of \$50, please mail a check, made out to the Class of '59, to Alumni House, 825 Centre St., Newton, MA 02458-2527. Your support will be appreciated and will help defray the costs of our reunion year. • In this anniversary year, I encourage all members of the class to send me updates on your life and your family. I am new to this position, following in the footsteps of Frank Martin and more recently Beth Grady. I will need your help to get news about the Class of '59. Most people look first to the "Class Notes" section when they get the *Boston College Magazine*. With your help we can fill our column in all future issues. • See you at the reunion events.

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Coley Foley, MBA'70, married his longtime companion, Lorraine, in December 2007. Coley related that **Bob O'Leary**, MBA'65, planned to retire from Cox Enterprises this summer as executive vice president and CFO but will remain on the board. • **Ed Kelley** has been in touch. He retired from United Technologies in 1999. He had also worked with the Israeli government as an

aircraft consultant. Ed now lives on Hilton Head Island and loves the area. • **Bob Rudman** writes from Nashville that if any of you are in the area, please give him a call. He now hails from the Volunteer State. He is involved with many committees and groups at St. Aquinas College and is on the school board of St. Matthew's Church. Bob's children are married. One lives near him, and the others live in western states. Bob is a district governor of a group called Serrans, which prays for vocations. Keeping busy is his motto. • **Fred O'Neill** sent a note. He has lived in Duxbury for many years and recently retired as executive vice president of Suffolk Construction, where he was responsible for business development. Fred worked at Suffolk for 17 years. He really lives the good life, spending the winter skiing at his family's Loon Mountain house and also golfing in Florida. He and his wife recently took a three-week trip to China. They are now hooked on Chinese culture and plan to return soon. Fred looks sharp and is in great condition; he looks much younger than his age. • I am sad to report the loss of two classmates. **David Wring** passed away on Christmas Day. He was an active participant in the alumni community as a fundraiser and worked with Alumni Stadium affairs. **William A. Scaring** of Beckley, WV, passed away on May 19. He served in the Navy for 37 years. He was of the St. Mary's contingent from Lynn. Our condolences to his family. • There will be a class event this fall, working up to the big 50. • I hope you have had a pleasant summer.

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Did you hear that 70 is the new 50? This is positive news for the many who are celebrating their 70th this year. Happy birthday to all! • **Mary-Anne Hehir Helms** writes that 2007 "was a busy year for me. I went to England twice to visit an English friend. We traveled to Paris on Eurostar. In June, I returned for a month and also spent a week in Provence. While I was there, I managed to receive an offer on my Rhode Island condo. Trying to exchange contracts on a Sunday, in an English village without a fax machine, was challenging. In the midst of this move, I injured my knee, which required surgery in November. I have since

been recuperating and doing knee exercises! My brother John Hehir '61 and his wife surprised everyone by moving back to Princeton, NJ, from Florida. Who says you can't go home again? Rising gas prices will curtail too many long-distance trips, but hopefully I shall visit the Heahys in Rhode Island this summer." Mary-Anne related that Mary Lou Foster Ryan, MSW'85, had a knee replacement in July 2007 but was able to travel to Ireland in August with her family. • From Pat Winkler Browne: "In January, two of my daughters took me to Rome,

the Beanpot Hockey Tournament in 1961 to beat Harvard 4-2. Frank is now a solo law practitioner, specializing in insurance, but does not let work interfere with his tennis or trips to the Islands. His tennis partner is **Henry Quinlan**, whom he usually lets win. However, he can still run faster than Henry. That is probably in the 10-yard dash. • Congratulations to **Jim Logue**, assistant coach of the men's hockey team, on the Eagle's winning the national championship. He must be particularly proud of winning with a freshman goalie, Jim's main coaching

Robert W. Harrington of Arlington on March 27 and **Herbert D. Schofield** of Needham on April 21. Their families can be assured that they both will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. • Keep those e-mails coming. Our classmates want to hear about you.

NC 1961

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Gail Giere Collins and Ellen Mahony King winter in Naples, FL, where they enjoyed catching up at the Sacred Heart alumnae reunion luncheon this past year.

Florence, and Bologna to celebrate my 70th birthday. What a great trip! On March 17, Dick and I flew to England to visit our daughter, her husband, and our four granddaughters who live in Surrey. We spent time seeing Windsor and Ascot. We went to Sicily to spend Easter week in a villa overlooking the Ionian Sea where it meets the Mediterranean. We saw many Greek sites: lush lemon and orange groves, large farms, and an extensive wine region. After returning to Surrey, we visited London and spent enjoyable time with our granddaughters. In April, I ran our 15th Newton Alumnae Tea at Stone Ridge Country Day School, and I am planning to attend the Sacred Heart 150-year celebration at Kenwood in Albany, NY, in May. I look forward to being with many of the nuns who taught us at Newton." • There are several classmates who have been ill and requiring surgery, physical therapy, or chemotherapy and radiation over the last several months. May I suggest that we include them in a special way in our prayers? • Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers go to Lee O'Connor Lynch and her family. Lee's husband, Bill, passed away in June.

focus. • After 40 years, **Jack Hester** is now chairman of FW Webb, New England's largest distributor of HVAC and plumbing supplies, with 74 locations. Jack and Dianne have two children and three grandkids. They divide their time between Wellesley and West Dennis. Their son Mike has just returned after spending 14 months in Iraq, where, as a lieutenant colonel, he was the commanding officer of a tank battalion. • **Brian and Lois Lane Carroll**, MS'88, are enjoying retirement in Brewster. They are involved with Habitat for Humanity and Lower Cape Outreach. • **George and Barbara O'Keefe Watkins** just celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary in New York. Their oldest grandchild, Maggie, is entering her senior year at BC. Barbara continues to work as senior area director for Sunrise Senior Living. They have four children and five grandkids. • **Bill and Ellen Wedgeworth Ryan** just had their fourth grandchild, William J. Ryan III. • Michael and **Ruth Colavecchio** live 20 miles outside Sacramento. Besides working part-time at an adult day health-care center, Ruth breeds bearded collies and trains them to compete and to herd sheep. • **Paul and Anne Dugan Cotter** spend their time in Milton and at their summer home on Block Island. Paul has retired from his ob-gyn practice. They have six children and many grandkids.

• **Nancy Magri Dubin** tells us that several of our classmates have been seen riding in the back of a pickup truck around old Block Island. With that in mind, thank God some of us are not aging as we approach our 50th reunion. • We are saddened to hear of the recent deaths of two of our classmates:

My gosh, here it is June when I am writing these notes! I've been in correspondence with **Mary Sue Flanagan**, hoping she can visit us in Tennessee and trying to get our schedules to coincide for a visit. • **Ellen MacDonald Carbone**, she of the "traveling bug," was in Spain with friends for a week. She said the trip was wonderful. • A note from **Gail Giere Collins**: "Ellen Mahony King and I live in Naples in the winter and enjoyed catching up at the Sacred Heart alumnae reunion luncheon at the Imperial Country Club in Naples this past winter." They saw many Newtonites there. • **Gael Sullivan Daly** wrote that she and husband Tim '60, JD'64, are back in Scituate after wintering in Florida this year. • I have been able to visit our youngest (as of this moment) grandson in Las Vegas. Callum (2) is a barrel of fun. Bob and I attended his aunt's 90th surprise birthday party in Waltham in March with about 60 relatives and friends in attendance. • I hope your summer was great. • Don't forget, I need your notes to give updates to our classmates!

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We heard from Frank "Bubbu" Larkin, who reminded us of the goal assist he made in

Charlie did it again! **Charlie Driscoll**, who has been coaching hockey at the high-school level since 1971 and is in the Massachusetts State High School Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame, came out of retirement and assisted head coach Peter Doherty of Reading High win the Division 1A Super 8 Championship in March. Reading was the first public high school in the state ever to win the tournament. Congratulations,

Charlie, and continued success! • Dick Mahoney, all the way from Mississippi; Bill Nagle M.Ed.'70; Bob Capalbo MA'74, Ph.D.'90; and Frank and Eileen "Trish" Fagiano were guests of Abbott Nick Morcone at the 9th Annual Glastonbury Abbey Golf Tournament and Auction Dinner held at the Hatherly Country Club in North Scituate in June. Fr. Nick has done an exceptional job of building the abbey into a vibrant community of Benedictine monks and dedicated lay parishioners. Sorry, the golf scores were not reportable. • We heard from Bob Capozzi as he was preparing for his 50th high-school reunion at Fairfield Prep in Fairfield, CT. He was looking forward to seeing Don Kiernan, Joe Sikorski, and Bob Zsalmans, all Fairfield Prep and BC graduates. Hopefully, we will hear from more of you as you celebrate your 50th. • Gene Guerrera wrote to tell us that he and his wife, Patricia, are grandparents for the first time with the arrival of a baby boy, Bradyn Michael. Their oldest daughter, Alicia Jean Boisseau, gave birth in May. Gene wanted to know how early his grandson could apply for the Class of 2026! • Jon Doukas e-mailed to say he is still working for Professional Bank Services in Louisville, KY, but hopes to go part-time in January. He's looking forward to spending winters in Florida. • Our condolences to the families of John Kilcommans of Houston and William J. Mahoney Jr. of Swainton, NJ. Both classmates passed away in April.

NC 1962

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Many thanks to those who responded to my e-mail request for news. • You might remember that Jackie Gegan Mooney was unable to come to our reunion last year because her son Paul was waiting for a lung transplant. Jackie, whose husband, Bill, was Class of 1960, wrote recently that Paul is back in Chicago after a very long, drawn-out sojourn in Pittsburgh. He had a pretty rough time of it, but seems to be better now. He loves his new lungs and is finding life a bit different with his new abilities. You can read more about all that he's been through at www.clamshellmuni.org. Lots of prayers for Jackie and for Paul's continued progress. • Nancy Crowell Haefeli was recently in Rhode Island visiting with her roommate, Francine Calarese Lucci, and Marie Aubois

Coburn Gill. Nancy writes, "My daughter Brette is an attorney and has been practicing with my husband for about a year and a half. So, that means the three of us work together every day! I am the legal assistant to my husband and have been for (oh my goodness!) at least 15 years." Nancy's older son lives in New York City and is a professor of early American history at Columbia. Her younger son has moved back home for a while and works in real estate and as a DJ. • Bobbi Schroetter Speck writes that her Henry of Pelham wines are now available in the United States (www.henryofpelham.com). • Several months ago, Joanna Bertsch Yaukey sent me a great collage of pictures taken when she was in Florida getting together with Kathy Mahoney Guilmette, Holly Hicok Schroeder, and Pat Beck Klebba. • Julie McGraw Brown writes, "I am presenting a paper in July at the conference of the three societies in the history of science (the United States, Canada, and Britain) in Oxford, and afterwards, I hope to have some time for walking in the Lake District and on the Yorkshire dales. I am also in the process of completing a book on the history of medicine and health in relation to international expositions, which is being published by MIT Press." Having seen your other books, Julie, I continue to be impressed by your work and don't doubt that you have made an impact in this field of study. • It is with great sadness that I have to report that Janet Richmond Latour's husband, Bob, has died. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Janet, during this difficult time.

1963

REUNION 2008

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By all accounts, our 45th reunion weekend was a smashing success! Our class president, Tom McCabe, gave me a complete update, for which I am forever grateful, inasmuch as your faithful correspondent was at a family wedding in Midtown Manhattan. My save-the-date card got no respect at all. Over 200 of our classmates and their spouses or significant others attended the weekend events. The weekend set all kinds of BC records for a 45th reunion: (1) greatest number attending; (2) highest class gift—about \$17 million; and (3) over 35 percent class participation in gifting, eclipsing our

goals in each category. Attending were David Ahern, Dom Antonellis, Wayne Budd, Charlie Carr MA'65, Frank Catapano, Gene Clifford JD'66, John Cody, Paul Daley, Ed Duffy, Gene Durgin, Mike Flaherty, Larry Flynn, Bill Frongillo, Gerry Gillis, John Golden, Tom Gosnell, Jack Greeley, Mike Hanna, Paul Hardiman, Harry Hasselmann, Gerald Healy, Bill Hogan, Joseph Horan, Peter Jengo, Dave Kelley, Luke LaValle, Doug MacQuarrie, Jim McGahay, John McGourthy, Stu Meisenzahl JD'66, Jane Mannix Mullowney, Diana Newman, Jim Norton, Mike Panaro, Bob Parks JD'66, Frank Patch, Tom Ryan, Ken Simmons, and Garr Stephenson. Gerry Ward's continuing list will be reported in the next issue. • I'm happy to report that Frank Gentry has been designated to receive Germany's Knight of the Cross of the Order of Merit, the award to be given by President Horst Köhler. This is an extremely prestigious honor, recognizing Frank's contributions to the academic cooperation between Germany and the United States involving German medieval culture and language. Now professor emeritus, Frank had been chair of the Department of German at Penn State for almost a decade. He is a prolific author and has lectured extensively both here and abroad on medieval and modern topics. • I am sad to report the February 19 sudden death of George E. Dewey at his Orlando home; he had retired as the comptroller for Kenworth Trucking Company. He leaves three children, one grandchild, and six siblings. Also, Fr. Vin Albano's mom, Mary E. Albano, of Winthrop, died on May 1. Our class sends condolences to Fr. Vin and his family and to the Dewey family. • We should all be looking forward to our 50th in 2013! I am sending out my save-the-date cards next week! I hope our reunion gathering will generate some correspondence from the class. May I hear from you?

NC 1963

REUNION 2008

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What a wonderful gathering—40 of us, including 5 husbands and a daughter, met at the Boston College Alumni House (our old library) on May 31. Forty-five years ago we were sent forth: I think we've done pretty darn well, weathering what life has handed us. Not only that, but we look good

too. There was such a good response from our class that I thought it might be fun to mix responses from those not able to attend with news about the attendees so that we can keep up with our whole class. • **Martina and Pamela Hitchins Mordecai** emigrated to Toronto in 1994. Pam is an author (to learn more, Google "Pam Mordecai"). I overheard a classmate saying she has given her grandchildren Pam's books. They are available through Amazon. • **Kathy McHale Mulherin** has lived in San Francisco since graduation. She is a therapist with Kaiser Permanente. Kathy has a long-standing group of friends in the Bay Area, including Bill Meehan, **Maureen Meehan O'Leary**'s brother. • **Cathy Arapoff Struve** attended with her charming daughter, Catherine Struve, who teaches at Penn Law School. Cathy has pictures of her paintings, including the gorgeous icon that she painted as her senior thesis. They both live in Philadelphia. • **Sue Costigan Penswick** has recently moved to Durham, England, from Norfolk to be near daughter Jen and her husband and three small children. Sue gets to London and her "tiny" apartment regularly to work on the board of *The Tablet*, an international Catholic newspaper. She often travels to the United States to see her 99-year-old mother and to visit her daughter Gilly and family in Brooklyn. • **Norma LaSalle**, Carleen Testa McOsker, Clare McMahon Yeats, Katie McCarthy, and Ann McCabe Rives see each other often. On the Sunday of the reunion, they gathered at Norma's house for brunch (catered by **Wilma Sullivan**—should we ask for recipes?). • We offer our condolences to Ann McCabe Rives on the recent death of her husband, Don, on May 10. • **Anne Gallagher Southwood** lives in Marshfield. She is passionately involved with Voice of the Faithful. She recently attended a VOTF representative council in Philadelphia. Her three children live close by. • **Marcia Mahoney Pinkham** is a Montessori teacher in 1-2-3 levels. She has an obvious love of her job, her gardening, and her four children. She has been widowed for 12 years, since losing "the best husband in the world." • **Lew and Rinda Hauserman Burleigh** attended the reunion. They began to date her freshman year (as did Tom and I—we'd see each other in Cushing Lounge). They are a bicoastal couple: Rinda is in San Francisco, and Lew is in Boston. It must agree with them: They looked great. • **Donna Moran Robbins** lives in Newton and is a psychological tester for the Boston Public Schools. • **Linda Plummer Newall** and **Carol Flynn** also came to the reunion.

Any of us who landed in the infirmary remember their professional skill. • I had a lovely chat with **Marjorie Dever Shea**. Her husband, Daniel, LLB'62, very generously took lots of pictures on lots of cameras at the Sunday brunch. Thank you! • **Fred and Julie Fenlon Nagle** are just back from a wonderful trip to Sicily, hosted by friends. They got to see the real Sicily. (I'm trying not to sound jealous.) • I am sad to report that **Kandy Shuman Stroud**'s husband, Frank, was killed in an automobile accident in late May. We send her our deepest sympathy.

vigorous dissenter. • One sad note: **Danny Eck** died on June 2. Dan recently retired after spending nearly 40 years in the furniture business in Atlanta. He leaves three sons: Daniel Duffin, Christopher Eck, and Darby Duffin '93. • Don't forget, our 45th reunion is coming up in 2009. If you would like to be part of the organizing committee, even if you are out of state, please send me an e-mail with your contact information. • Keep the faith!

1964

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Tom '63, MA'65, and Eileen Howley Luddy have both retired from teaching at Salem State, although Tom will go back to direct the occasional play. (If you haven't seen a theater production there, you owe yourself a treat!) • Also in the education industry: **Marvin Stick**, Ph.D.'81, has been on the math faculty at UMass Lowell since 1982; **Nick Perna** is teaching economics at Yale but spent the spring semester at UC Berkeley; and **Mary Seidel** has retired from Seattle University after 44 years in nursing. Mary was planning to move back to Brunswick, ME, in the spring to be closer to family. • **Caryl and John Ferry** are living on Amelia Island, FL, after a career in the Army (John retired as a colonel in 1988) and business. • **Louis Gennarelli** is a urologist practicing in the Bronx. His wife, **Maria Perrotta Gennarelli**, is a nursing administrator at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center. • **John DiMare** is a semiretired physician living in Laguna Beach, CA. • **Barbara Berg Campagna** is selling ceramic Christmas trees over the Internet. Check out her website, CeramicsByBarbara.com. • **Steve Duffy** met up with **Bill Bennett** and **Bob Fuccielli** at the Frozen Four in Denver last spring. Steve also reported that BC classmate **Bob Filiault** looked him up when Bob came to Vegas for an electronics show. • **John Whelan** was an Obama delegate at the Texas Democratic Convention. • **Megan Doyle**, daughter of **Arthur Doyle**, MAT'66, graduated from BC as a member of the Class of 2008. • I am still working for Voice of the Faithful. Did you see my quote in a recent issue of *Time* in response to the question "Is Liberal Catholicism Dead?" Of course, I was a

NC 1964

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Uh-oh, that oft-dreaded time has come. The news has dwindled down to a precious few—oops, make that one—item. One lone classmate checked in for this issue. Happily, that classmate is **Cathy Dolan Miskell**, a new name in this column, with the following update: "My life is fine, though I still can't figure out how I became Medicare eligible." (Aha, I'm not the only one!) Cathy continues, "My husband, Whit, and I bought a condo in Fort Myers, FL, a couple of years ago, and since he is retired, Whit spends his winters there. I still have some 'gas left in the tank,' so I stay in Vail, CO, where I sell fancy real estate and commute to Florida as my schedule permits. Whit will be back in Colorado with me for the spring, summer, and fall. Our health is good, our lives are full, and we feel very blessed." • Well, I feel blessed that Cathy got in touch, or I would have had nothing to report. Get the picture? Get in touch or there will be no picture. I'm counting on you.

1965

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Ron Sarno, MA'66, was with his wife, Una, and daughter Niamh in Dublin, Ireland, in April. Una graduated with a Ph.D. from University College Dublin. She did her thesis on teaching writing skills to urban primary grade school students. Niamh had graduated from St. Peter's College, The Jesuit College of New Jersey, in 2007. Ron is a graduate of Fordham Law School and a

trial lawyer in New Jersey and New York. Una teaches first grade in Passaic, NJ, and Niamh is currently working with Senior Helpers in Westerly, RI. • An article in the *Boston Herald* on May 17 details the life of **E.J. Breen**. Forty years ago in Vietnam, E.J. was a Navy pilot. He put a lid on memories of that time and worked for 20 years for Eastern Air Lines. Then, having played for the late Snooks Kelley '28 at BC, E.J. decided to follow his original dream and become a teacher-coach. About 10 years ago, he spoke at a Memorial Day program at his school in Lynn about the orphanage his squadron had built near Cam Ranh Bay, where the nuns cared for the children. Fast-forward to this past spring when E.J. read in the *Boston Herald* that his squadron, U.S. Navy Squadron VO-67, was being honored for extraordinary heroism. His students at Lynn English High School strongly suggested he attend the ceremony in Washington. E.J. said it was a great experience, seeing his squadron guys after so many years—it opened a door that he had closed for 40 years, and he was glad his students had suggested he attend. E.J. is happy to be back in his classroom. • We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Ed Downes, who passed away this past winter, and to Diane Cronin Pisinski on the death of her husband, **Bob Pisinski**. • Once again I am asking that you e-mail news for this column.

NC 1965

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Bobbi Lorch Gettelman responded to Terri Dussaq Herron's search for her roommates in the last column. Bobbi lives in Montana (after 30-plus years in Berkeley, CA) with Michael, her husband of 40 years. They have three children: Rebecca Gettelman, MD; Elizabeth Gettelman, managing editor of *Mother Jones* magazine; and Joseph Gettelman, who is with Southern Wine & Spirits. Bobbi spends her spare time kayaking, skiing, and enjoying her home on the Gallatin River near Big Sky. She is looking to connect with her former roommates **Genie Horan Burke** and **Sue Gehrke O'Rourke**. • Sally Rosenthal Smith popped up from Skidaway Island, just outside Savannah, and issued an invitation to classmates for a tour of Savannah and the island. Little did she know that I live only two and a half

hours away, so I may be the first to take her up on her invitation! Sally wrote that many Newton and Manhattanville alumnae live on the island, and they try to get together a few times a year. Sally and husband Wally proudly announce the birth of their first grandchild, Catherine Ann, who lives in Baltimore. Judy Violick Hedge, Marilyn Mainelli Frank MAT'68, and Sally, by pure luck, were all in New Zealand in February. Sally and Judy were supposed to be in Queenstown on the same day. However, rain delayed Sally's return, so they missed each other but all had a great time independently. • I am sorry to report the news from **Mary McGinn** that **Joan Kenary Murphy** suffered a massive heart attack and died in late March. Joan and John, her husband of 40 years, had been wintering in Fort Lauderdale. They have two daughters, Jennifer and Kristin, and four grandchildren. Mary had been anticipating a get-together with Joan and John and **Connie Lynch Godin** in May. • **Pat Noonan Walsh** wrote from Dublin, where she is a professor of disability studies at University College Dublin. Pat sends her sympathy to Joan's family and friends. Pat says she can picture Joan so vividly, and she can hear her laughter from the corridor of the top floor of Stuart even now. • Don't forget the class minireunion in New York City on the first Monday in December. Also, check out the alumni online community, where you can register and make connections with old friends. • Please keep your news coming!

1966

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Hey, classmates! **Harry Lyons**, one of the hellions of fifth floor Greenleaf Hall, reports that he is well, practicing law in Fairfield, CT, specializing in civil litigation. His wife, Janet, is a social worker supervisor with the Connecticut Department of Children and Families. Harry had just returned from Florida and was looking forward to visiting southern France in October, South Carolina in November, and Italy in the spring. He reports six grandchildren and an annual penchant for two or three BC football and Red Sox games. Like most of his classmates, Harry, a dedicated runner, is "now confined to walking... It seems as if my knees are constantly singing to me. I am not complaining. I guess it is part of the

deal." Harry, welcome to the classmates' collaborative of former joggers. • On the "Irish sports page" from the Alumni Association, one of my three freshman roommates appeared, a sobering thought. **Allen Craig Abbott** perched and slept in the lower bunk, first floor, first room on the left, Greenleaf Hall. Al set most modern North American banana consumption records, pounding baseball and mitt, preparing for spring in September. "I pitch," he told roommates **Joe Borowick** (football) and **Jim Barry** (hockey). Al attended Williston Academy and married a BC cheerleader, **Lorraine Zailskas**. A gentleman, Al never appeared comfortable running with us—probably a wise choice; he made his own humane way. By our senior year he had the pretty girl and a road map to central Connecticut. Al was even-minded, fair, decent. The world regrets the passing of decency! Peace to you, roommate. Hope there is baseball in heaven! • **Jay McGillis** played football for **Tommy Coughlin** at Boston College. Our annual spring football game is named for this kid who gave his all, on and off the field. Jay wrote poetry and prayers, capturing all hearts, including those of a generation of sports fans and of Coach Coughlin. Leukemia took Jay's life seven months after diagnosis; he was 21. Tommy, now head coach of the New York Giants, created the Jay Fund here in Jacksonville. Honoring heroic Jay, the fund assists children and their families affected by pernicious disease. Tommy tearfully remembered Jay immediately after this year's Super Bowl championship. Maybe you will too! • Support the Boston College Veterans' Memorial on Burns Library lawn. Pull the trigger and call University Advancement. Come to the dedication! Thank you, **Paul Delaney**, for your leadership. • **Joella** and I love Ponte Vedra and our new home on the Sawgrass Tournament Players championship course. We welcome visitors and continue to serve the real estate needs of defense and civilian clients. Give us a call!

NC 1966

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I received seven responses to my broadcast e-mail in March. Thanks! I hope these postings from classmates who have been missing from class notes for some time

will prompt you to write your own e-mail! Due to space limitations, I will cover some of the communications in this issue, and then continue in future issues. • First, there is some sad news to share. Last fall, John and **Dodie Burnett Houston**'s daughter, Jennifer, died suddenly due to complications following surgery. Dodie writes, "I was bereft and in shock and... just stopped doing things through the December holidays. I did manage to eulogize her at the funeral. Her ashes are in the Columbarium of the Neptune Society in San Francisco." Dodie said she had a very difficult time, but has begun reentering her groups and is slowly but steadily recovering. She and John (who's thinking about retiring later this year) moved to a new house in Arlington, TX, a little over a year ago, and they are in the middle of making a garden. Dodie adds, "We are planning to plant pretty vines, azaleas, camellias, angel trumpets, gardenias, hostas, heucheras, lilies-of-the-valley, white lamiums, and plumbagos." • **Karen Lally Manzo** writes that she and Pat are now living in New Hampshire, after moving back from Tucson. They are the parents of four grown children (a lawyer, two doctors, and a program manager for a defense contractor) and grandparents of five. Karen worked in the corporate world for several years after receiving her MBA. Later, after earning a master's in secondary education, she taught and ran programs in the Danbury, CT, school system. Two moves later, she decided to devote herself to community and volunteer activities. She writes, "Along with the usual church and community opportunities, I am involved in a wonderful program as a guardian ad litem. I serve as an advocate for neglected and abused children who have come into the court system. It is quite time-consuming but rewarding."

1967

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Greetings! • I received a nice e-mail from **Steve MacNeil**, now living in Chapel Hill, NC. Steve gets together with **John Sheehan**, who has retired and moved to Wilmington, NC. John stays in touch with **Peter Mulcahy**, who is also retired and

lives in New Hampshire. **Dick O'Connell**, who had been living in Newton, now resides on the South Shore, according to Steve. Dick has had a long career as a special agent with the Customs Service. **Betty and Bob Murphy** are living in Holliston. • Best wishes for a return to great health for **Joe O'Leary**, who had a bilateral lung transplant in April at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. • **Mike Ryan**, MA'88, returned to the BC campus for the Army ROTC Commissioning in the role of John Hancock bringing greetings to the cadets from the Continental Congress in Philadelphia assembled. This is an annual presentation for Mike, and if you haven't seen it, you are truly missing a wonderful event! • The news is not all good. We lost **Frank Giglio**, who died suddenly. The class offers its prayers and condolences to Frank's family in Norwell. A lot of us remember Frank from the Gold Key and the Bright Spot. **Moira Sullivan Kelly** passed away of lung cancer after a short illness. She was so full of life at the 40th reunion! Our condolences to her husband, Brian, and children, David, Courtney, Cate, and Liz '07. She rests in Bryn Mawr, PA. • Both **Walt Mahoney** and **Sue Loftus Jacobson** sent additional material on our late classmate **George "Sonny" Didden** of Washington DC. Sonny, a longtime community leader, helped revitalize district neighborhoods. He chaired the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District and oversaw the creation of the Shakespeare Theatre Company at the Lansburgh Theatre. He served as president of the Friends of the National Zoo and also sat on the Board of Governors of the Folger Shakespeare Library, the National Board of the Smithsonian Institution, and the board of the Supreme Court Historical Society. George served his community well and set an example for all of us. The citizens of Washington DC miss his leadership, and so do we.

NC 1967

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Summer arrived early and with a vengeance. I haven't received much news of late; I guess the heat is getting to you all. • **Maria Metzler Johnson**, who has been a very busy lady over the past six months, reported on her

travels—to Washington DC to visit her siblings and friends while Calvin attended several meetings, and a number of times to other widely scattered locations where their own children are living. Big news on their older daughter, Martha: she returned to Austin to get married in late December to **G. Caleb Alexander**, MD, an assistant professor in the Department of Medicine and an affiliate faculty researcher of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago. Friends and family came from the East Coast, the Midwest, Texas, and Europe for an extended celebration with a bit of Texas style—the younger crowd partied until early the next morning with the bride in her wedding dress and cowboy boots! However, the wedding music, provided by a quartet of friends and a pianist, was more sedate, and the reception was held at a certified organic food establishment. The newlyweds spent the month of April in Nepal working, studying, and trekking as part of Martha's medical training, but they apparently liked the hill country around Austin better for their honeymoon. Martha received her MD degree in June and will remain in Chicago for her family practice residency. The Johnsons also attended the graduation of their youngest son, Matthew; he received degrees in math and sociology from Grinnell College in Iowa in May and was in the process of moving to the Twin Cities in Minnesota. Second daughter, Carolyn, and oldest son, Calvin, are still living in Brooklyn and working in New York City. • I hope everyone has had a great summer. I'd love to hear about the locations or activities you find most relaxing or inspiring, currently or in the past. And whom haven't we heard from in a long time—you? Please update us. • Finally, thanks to those who added their names to the class Prayer Net since the last issue. Let me know your address if you would like to be included as well, and please let me know about others for whom we need to pray. • Take care and God bless everyone.

1968

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The rooftops were rocking and the floorboards were thundering in Lyons Hall as the BC Class of 1968 shook our tailfeathers and laughed heartily at our rollicking

good-time 40th reunion! We owned the night Saturday at our BC '68 class party. With our dearest of friends, we toasted and celebrated lifelong friendships with warm hugs and broad smiles, some mixed with tears. We all eagerly anticipate attending our 45th celebration! Reunion Weekend weather was the very best that New England has to offer, which allowed us to gather Friday night for a lobster and champagne feast on the Dustbowl, followed by dancing on the Quad to the spirited sounds of the Flutie Brothers Band. Saturday afternoon we filled Devlin '008, reminiscing about "the way we were" during a panel discussion with members of the Class of 1968. Bill McDonald skillfully led our discussion, which widely, and sometimes wildly, ranged in topics from dorm life, our day-hop tales, and music and dances to memorable faculty and the turmoil and the splendor of

our column, we should be bursting with information for years to come. • Three cheers for our great BC Class of 1968, onward ever onward, ever to excel!

NC 1968 REUNION 2008

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By all accounts, our 40th reunion was a great success! Many of us, myself included, had conflicts due to weddings and other family obligations, but 29 of our classmates were able to attend. Thank you, Marcy McPhee Kenah, for providing a reunion report. Those who attended included Christine Brugiere White, Lucy

Maureen O'Keefe Doran and her husband, Kip '68, are closing their practices in Denver and volunteering for the Peace Corps in sub-Saharan Africa.

the Sixties. We spoke of being BC students during the years when baby boom Eagles first landed on the Heights. Panelists included Kip Doran, Bob Howe, Carmine Sarno, Joanne Calore Turco, and yours truly. The program was sponsored by the Boston College Experience, a project to collect and preserve the story of Boston College as remembered by members of the University community, in anticipation of BC's 150th anniversary in 2013. • Moreen Owens Donahue is chief nurse executive at Danbury Hospital in Connecticut, with additional responsibility for the hospital's emergency department, as well as the women's and children's and behavioral health service lines. Moreen earned her master of science in education from SUNY Cortland. In 2005, at Case Western Reserve University, she earned her master of science in nursing and her doctor of nursing practice. Moreen holds board positions at Fairfield University, Bridgeport Hospital, and the Bridgeport area's Kennedy Center. She and her husband, Steve, live in Trumbull, CT, and have three children. Moreen was quite delighted to discover that a fellow Danbury Hospital executive is the son of our former Greycliff Hall dorm-mate and classmates Carter and Susan (Sheehan) Hunt—a small world, indeed! • So many of our classmates made promises to submit their news to

Winter Sherman, Marie Manahan Hennessy MSW '95, Marge Smith Mitchell, Barbara Farrell McTiernan, Betty Downes, Marge Gaynor Palmer, Julia Lopez, Judy Vetter, Jane Hanify Pitt, Maura Jane Curtis Griffin, Mary Fran DePetro Murphy, Susie Derry Hughes, Ann Dolan, Pat Wolf, Kathy Hlavaty Delehaunty, Pat Sharman, Dale Clement James, Margo Rodgers Greenfield, Katie O'Connor Schmidt, Pam Maillet Boisvert, Pam Maine Cavanagh, Sue Regine DeSaulnier, Maureen Hopkins Emerson, Angelica Bevilacqua Gosz, Marcy McPhee Kenah, Jean Mollicone, Caroline Brady O'Leary, and Louise Demers Noble M.Ed. '80. • The focus of the reunion was the class party held Saturday evening in the Student Commons in Stuart. Apparently, this room has been substantially redecorated since our student days! Maura Jane provided red roses for the tables, a keyboard player provided background music for lots of great conversations, and Mary Fran provided canvas tote bag party favors. • After dinner, Betty Downes and Jane Pitt invited all classmates into a circle. Jane went through a timeline that reflected the very significant changes that have occurred over the past 40 years in everyday life and in the headlines. Betty talked about each of us being a source of inspiration to others and about how we receive inspiration as well. A few brief

stories were added by others, including Julia Lopez who told how each of her classmates was a window into life in America for her when she arrived. Betty and Jane also suggested that our class pull together some kind of legacy gift or donation. It was agreed that more homework should be done and the task finished by e-mail. If you have any suggestions, please contact Betty or Jane. • Kathy Hogan Mullaney, Ellen Mooney Mello, Jean Sullivan McKeigue, Barry Noone Remley, and Betty Barry Sweet were unable to attend the main reunion, but did manage a mini gathering with our "westerners" (Betty, Julia, Marge, and Judy) beforehand. Condolences to Denise Corsa Rehder, who could not make it due to her mother's passing. • Look for more specifics in the next issue. Marcy reports that most of the time was spent exchanging news with people who hadn't seen one another for a long time. I would love to hear your stories. I will end with a direct quote from Marcy: "I have a nice memory of hearing Susie Derry Hughes's wonderful laugh over the buzz of the crowd, and I just smiled to myself."

1969

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Richard Markey's son Garron graduated from BC's Carroll School of Management in May. Richard and his wife, Cynthia, also have a two-year-old, Samantha Rose, who keeps them busy. Richard maintains a law office at 45 School St. in Boston; Cynthia is the chief legal counsel for the Boston Municipal Court. • After much reflection, Maureen O'Keefe Doran and her husband, Kip '68, have decided to close their mental health practices in Denver in September and volunteer for the Peace Corps. Their commitment will be for 27 months as "degreed health professionals" in sub-Saharan Africa. They have a tentative departure date of October 2008. Their daughter Alison '00 is a family nurse practitioner in the South Boston Community Health Center. Alison's husband and classmate, Jason Marshall '00 is legal counsel to a Massachusetts state senator from Cambridge. Younger daughter Meghan '03 is thoroughly enjoying life in Buenos Aires, where she's perfecting her Spanish and teaching English and business skills to Argentine executives.

NC 1969

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Greetings! Recently I attended the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Northeast Ohio chapter for alumnae of Sacred Heart schools. I didn't see anyone I recognized until two women, Betsy Langer Kapp NC'70 and Mary Ann Koral Michael NC'70, approached me. Of course we reminisced. Mary Ann is back living in Cleveland after several years in New York City. Her daughter will be a senior at Vanderbilt. How much fun it was for me to see, here in Ohio, two familiar faces that I actually remembered from Newton College! Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ, NC'63, was the featured speaker; she talked of her work on St. Madeleine Sophie Barat. • Kate Kerrigan, Polly Glynn Kerrigan's daughter, was recently admitted to the New York Bar. She has also been appointed executive director of the DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass) Improvement District. The organization is dedicated to the enhancement and promotion of one of New York City's most historic and dynamic neighborhoods. You must feel proud of her accomplishments, Polly! • Vincent Tuohey, son of Carol Romano Tuohey, recently graduated from Harvard Business School. He has accepted a job with Littlejohn & Co., a private equity firm in Greenwich, CT. Congratulations! • Ann Lessing Bresnan called to report on her family. Daughters Jennifer and Kirstie live and work in Greenwich. (It's getting crowded there with Newton offspring!) Her daughter and son-in-law, Courtenay and T.J. Carella, live in New York City and have a daughter, Ainsley (2), who is a joy to be around! Courtenay works for Calvin Klein. Ann's daughter Lindsay recently received her master's in fine arts from Berkeley. She now lives in New York City, where she was awarded a prestigious grant from the Whitney Museum to work in her field of film and photography; she'll be critiqued by well-known international art critics. Ann's son Will Jr. works for LimeWire, the "fastest-growing file sharing program on the planet!" Ann and her husband, Bill, a pioneer in the cable industry, planned to be in the stands watching the opening ceremonies at the Summer Olympics in Beijing. When not in Greenwich, Ann and Bill enjoy traveling and visiting Anguilla, their second home! Thanks, Ann, for the phone call and the news! • I'm just a click away. Please

share some news with me. • Our 40th reunion is next year. Are you thinking of coming? Start planning now. Get a group together. See you then!

1970

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Hi, gang! I don't have a lot to say this time, but what I have is great! • I have to start with congratulations to **Jennie Chin Hansen Abrams** not only as the president of AARP and a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission but, at least to us, the recipient of the biggest honor of all—an honorary doctorate from BC at this year's Commencement. Jennie has had a great career in the health-care field on the West Coast and is getting the national attention that she most richly deserves. Congratulations again. • I heard from **George Rovegno** who, along with **John Pernat**, recently took in the Eagles big win in the NCAA hockey championship in Denver. George is CEO of MIQS, a provider of electronic medical and billing software used to manage the care of chronic diseases. He and his wife, Susan, live in Boulder. With two daughters, Jane and Jennie '97, each of whom has twin daughters, Bill writes that he is surrounded by women. Oh, to have had that problem 40 years ago! • **Bill Mallon**, managing director and chief credit officer of NewStar Financial, a longtime resident of the Boston area, has moved to Charleston, SC, and is working out of the firm's office in that beautiful southern city. • In case anyone has looked at the calendar recently, this is the year that the Class of '70 turns 60. So congratulations, all you old geezers; too bad we couldn't all get together to celebrate! • See you at Alumni for another great season.

NC 1970

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My last column focused on New England, so I'll shift gears geographically for West Coast news. • Anne McDermott, Lynne

McCarthy, Nancy Riley Kriz, and Meryl Baxter celebrated an "LX Weekend" in California. Lynne explains, "LX reflects our classical education so much better than 'the big 6-0.'" The foursome met in San Francisco, drove to Napa, and enjoyed "food, wine, and laughter. We focused on smaller wineries that don't sell back east. Some were very good, and there were two wines I absolutely fell in love with. The weather was fantastic—amazingly blue skies." When Lynne and Anne headed east, Nancy and Meryl drove to Nancy's Newport Beach home via the coast highway. I invite reports of other "LX" celebrations. • **Liz Gibbons** was named a 2008 Woman of Influence in Silicon Valley; she is president-elect of the American Institute of Architects' Santa Clara Valley chapter. • **Patti Bruni Keefe**'s son Johnny, a Los Angeles resident, played a lead in the musical, *City Kid, The Musical* and collaborated on the jazz comedy *Lord Buckley in Los Angeles*. • **Stephanie DelGuidice McEvily**'s family—enthusiastic divers—vacation annually in Belize, CA. Her eldest, Justin, graduated from Cornell, works at Goldman Sachs, and lives in Brooklyn; her youngest, Nick, is a Cornell junior majoring in facilities planning and management. Husband Chuck is a matrimonial attorney, changing directions from litigating to collaborative law, "a much more humane process for the parties and their children." They own a small, pond-side cottage on Long Island's East End, their refuge. They look forward to slowing down (as opposed to retiring). • **Barbara Coveney Harkins** is past president of the Massachusetts Ace of Clubs, founded by Rose Kennedy and Marian Finnegan in 1911. Each year, the club sponsors events to support a designated charity. The Harkinses are huge Red Sox fans; daughter Caitlin '07 toured Japan for the Red Sox opening day game in March. • In April, **Rita Houlihan** published "Women Scholars Belong at Synod on the Word" (http://ncronline.org/NCR_Online/archive/s2/2008b/041808/041808s.htm). • In January, the *Boston Globe* carried a wonderful article and photo series on **Nancie Sullivan Chamberlain** in her lovely home, showcasing her interior design talents. Nancie co-owns a design business with **Laurie Gallagher Laliberte**. • Thirty-fifth wedding anniversary congratulations to **Pat Sudnik** and **Bill Luneburg**! Their son Matt is a Washington DC junior analyst; daughter Kate, a Roanoke College junior. • Please remember in your prayers **Chris Hynes Coughlan**'s father, Pat Sudnik's father, and **Kathy Sheehan**'s mother.

1971

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Ruth and Mike Trainor are currently living in Lynnfield and are building their retirement home on Kingston Lake in New Hampshire. Their daughter Christine is a first-grade teacher, and son Matthew is the research director for the New England Iron Workers Union. • John Mashia, Russ Pavia, John Thomas Flynn, Joe Collins, and Charley McBride had a mini class reunion in May at the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut. Major events included viewing the Kentucky Derby while dining at Michael Jordan's Steakhouse. John Mashia once again showed incredible endurance, getting by with almost no sleep for the entire weekend. Their next reunion will be held in Kansas City on a date to be determined. • I hope everyone had a great summer, and I look forward to seeing some of you at the Notre Dame game!

NC 1971

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I have a theory: The last time there was a spring semester as eventful as this year's for BC sports fans was in 1972. Granted that the events of 2008 set an impossible standard, with the national championship in hockey, the 800th win for Coach Jerry York '67, M.Ed.'70, CAES'73, and the record contract earned by Matt Ryan '07. Still, we had our moments during our last semester at BC, with the 500th win for Coach John "Snooks" Kelley '28, the Olympic Silver Medal in hockey won by Tom Mellor, and the Dallas Cowboys' first-round selection of Bill Thomas. • Speaking of the latter, I didn't finish my account of our football classmates in my last column. I was reminded of that by a message from Bill

O'Neill, who stayed at BC to start as a defensive end in 1972, and who is a resident of South Florida. Bill Thomas also played for the Kansas City Chiefs and went on to coach at Northeastern and teach high-school biology. He's a resident of Waltham. Both of his fellow starters in the 1971 offensive backfield are residents of Hilton Head Island, SC: quarterback Ray Rippman and running back Tom Bougus. Tom is the president of TBO Entertainment Inc. there. Ray has been a teacher. The fourth member of the backfield when we were freshmen was Joe Hamilton, who's a chief probation officer in New Bedford and a resident of Rehoboth. • The best blocker on that freshman team was Ralph Santarcangelo (who was known as Ralph Angel when he played tackle for BC). Ralph is a resident of Pittsburgh and a salesman, despite the tragic loss of his eyesight years ago. • John Kline, MBA'74, who, as a defensive end, was renowned for his kickoffs, is the president and CEO of Union Savings Bank in Danbury, CT. John lives in Bethel. • Ed Prisco, who was a defensive back, is a vice president of the *Charlotte Observer*. • Another member of the secondary was Joe Waters, who is an executive with Sara Lee Corporation in St. Louis. • Switching sports, the Final Four of college lacrosse this year featured the star player for the University of Virginia, Danny Glading, son of Bill Glading, who played freshman basketball at the Heights. Bill is an attorney for the Patrinely Group and a resident of Bethesda, MD. • Peter Accinno reports that he is the CFO of the Environmental Defense Fund in Manhattan, that his daughter was married last summer, and that one of his sons is a graduate student at the University of Iowa. Jim Giarrusso was one of the guests at the wedding. • Phil Fragasso reports that he has started a new business, I-Pension LLC and has written a book, *Marketing for Rainmakers* (Wiley & Sons, 2008). One of the early clients of his business was John Sacco. Phil, a resident of Wellesley, adds that New York attorney Lou Maret has moved from Long Island to Manhattan. • My condolences to the family of Elizabeth Geraghty Dowd of Lexington, who passed away this past spring.

NC 1972

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Our spring tea at Stone Ridge Country Day School of the Sacred was a spirited afternoon of tea and talk. Thank you, Pat Winkler Browne NC'60, for planning and arranging the tea, including making a beautiful floral centerpiece. Julie Hirschberg Nuzzo NC'75 spoke about Boston College alumni activities, particularly the success of the first New Canaan Newton tea. Fran Dubrowski NC'70 talked about the alumni board's work. • Beth Carroll Pokorny has one daughter, who just completed a master's degree in instructional design and e-learning, and a second daughter, who received her bachelor's degree in health sciences with a concentration in assisted living management and a minor in business. • While in Hong Kong, Connie Yuchengco Gonzalez lauded the benefits of the Internet for plumbing and electrical supplies not available in Manila. • After 30 years as a principal, Penny Price Nachtman is leaving. Penny spent Memorial Day with Maureen Kelly in Los Angeles. • Mary Rush Coan just became a grandmother. • Kathy Connor rejoined U.S. Bank. • Linda Noselli Konstovounissios's husband is the new Greek ambassador to Finland. Linda will remain in Greece during the summers and welcomes us to stop and say hello. The Alumni Association, through the efforts of Fran Dubrowski, held a May evening with Nicholas Burns '78, H'02, who recently retired as undersecretary of state for political affairs. Nicholas, also the former U.S. ambassador to Greece, confirmed that he and Linda had started the Boston College Club of Greece. • We have a Double Eagle, with the graduation of our Sarah from the Law School. Gabrielle will be an Eagle'12. • Who has a copy of our two-year reading lists for the Study of Western Culture? Dr. Judith Wilt, the Newton College Alumnae Chair in Western Culture, has only heard about our reading lists. If you can help with this request, please send me an e-mail with scans, or mail them to my address. I promise a surprise for the first responders to my request. • Sr. Elizabeth White, RSCJ, has transitioned well to Teresian House in Albany. Take a moment to send her a card filled with Newton news. You need not send Sister copies of our freshman year corrected and graded English papers. • Remember to keep the alumni directory current, particularly with e-mail addresses. If you do not wish to be part of the online community alumni directory, you can restrict disclosure of your information to Boston College only. In addition, you may nominate a Newton

College and/or Boston College graduate for an Alumni Award of Excellence.

1973

REUNION 2008

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This column includes news of classmates from the 35th reunion and related events.

• Congratulations are in order for Elaine Tipping O'Reilly, who assumed duties as a principal in July. Elaine, you will make a great principal, considering your leadership abilities. • Best wishes also go to Joe Capalbo, who is a new grandfather. • I hope you all enjoyed the reunion events if you attended any activities and best wishes for a healthy, safe, and fun summer! • I will be doing a lot of writing this summer after a refresher stats course at the University of Chicago on HLM. • See you in the fall!

NC 1973

REUNION 2008

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A wonderful reunion was held at Newton on May 30. Those who attended had a great time trying hard to catch up with everyone there. Kathy Hinderhofer provided beautiful roses for the tables. Kathy, thank you very much. We all looked wonderful, happy, and healthy. It's interesting how many of our children have attended, or are attending, Boston College. Many spoke of their fond memories and gratefulness for the education

received at Newton. The campus was in very good shape. I was remiss in writing down everything that was shared, so I am imploring those of you who attended to send me updates. Those who did not attend, we want to hear from you as well. Other classes had a better showing than we did, so we vowed to up our recruitment effort for the 40th. • Mary Doherty Ellroy, MBA'78, was inducted into the Toy Inventors Hall of Fame in June, just one example of a new career being very successful and rewarding. Let's hear about others! • Joan Brouillard volunteered to help us social network (via Facebook or some other technology). She would set up a site that we could use to share information if we like. Those interested, please contact me via the e-mail address at the top of the column. • Thank you all. Have a wonderful summer.

1974

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We have a lot of interesting news to share. Thanks to all who wrote! • Christi Eisenberg has been busy with work and with some amazing travels, most notably to Antarctica, to Ghana last year, and to Mt. Everest base camp in 2000. However, most of her "spare" time involves her volunteer efforts with the Greater Cincinnati branch of the Voice of the Faithful and its efforts to protect children in parishes and schools. • Denise Daych has earned her MAT from Sacred Heart University, concentrating in teaching English as a second language; this follows her earlier master's in counseling. Dennie is now combining these

two in her position as coordinator of ESL non-credit at Norwalk Community College, where she advises students and helps teachers with curriculum. She also teaches an ESL group of her own on Saturdays. Dennie would love to hear from BC friends.

• Joe Abely is the new CEO of Boston-based Animation Technologies Inc., a venture capital-backed litigation consulting company. The firm is focused on delivering visual solutions that optimize evidence to help attorneys with their cases. • Of all the classmates I've heard from or read about over the years, I think Rosina Bierbaum must be one of the busiest. Currently a professor and dean of the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan, Rosina has been selected by the World Bank to coauthor and codirect its prestigious 2010 World Development Report, which will focus on climate change and development. Rosina is a recognized world authority on climate change and has spent the last 20 years in public service at the federal level, including time as director of the Environment Division, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, during the Clinton administration. Last year former Vice President Al Gore's family invited Rosina to attend the Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies in Oslo. She had led four U.S. delegations to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the other recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize) and served as an advisor on Gore's film, *An Inconvenient Truth*. Congratulations! • Please take a minute to e-mail some news. • We have one more year until our 35th reunion! How did that happen?

NC 1974

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HOW WOULD HENRY VIII USE AN ONLINE COMMUNITY?



- To keep his address updated (BRITISH MONARCHS MOVE AROUND A LOT)
- To sign up as a CAREER MENTOR (FOR OTHER RENAISSANCE MEN)
- To meet new people (PROSPECTIVE QUEENS?) via the SOCIAL NETWORKING TOOL

WHAT WILL YOU USE THE NEW BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY FOR? VISIT WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI TODAY TO FIND OUT.

1975

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Matthew Deane has joined the firm of M.R. Beal & Company as a managing director of the public finance department. Beal is a leading investment bank specializing in

municipal corporate finance and equity execution. Matthew received a BS in marketing and finance from the Carroll School of Management. • It was great to hear from Lynch School of Education classmate Jim Goggin, who resides with his family in Williamsburg, VA, and is having a fabulous year. On March 29, at the USA Masters Indoor Track Championships held at the Reggie Lewis Center, Jim was part of a four-man team (in the 50-59 age bracket) that broke the American indoor 3,200-meter relay. Their time was 9:06.90, breaking the old record by 14 seconds. Congratulations, Jim! Jim reported recent memorable moments, including attending games three and four of the Red Sox World Series victory in Colorado; worshipping at Pope Benedict XVI's Mass in Washington DC on April 17 with his oldest daughter, Corey, and attending second daughter Brady's graduation from USC in May. On August 11, Jim and his wife will celebrate their 30th anniversary. He mentioned his love of running, playing softball and poker, and attending a Bruce Springsteen concert, and he says, after all these years, he is having "way too much fun" as an elementary physical education teacher. • Classmates, take care, and please take a moment to share some news!

NC 1975

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Hello, ladies. • I am so sad to tell you that our classmate Rita Carbone Ciocca, MBA'77, lost her husband, Henry, this past spring after a very long illness. I know you will all keep Rita and the children in your thoughts and prayers as they bravely face the future. • Karen Foley Freeman sent her notes on the spring tea for Fairfield County alumnae. "We had a lovely time at our first spring tea. Karen Sweeney Mactas NC'73 and I hosted the tea, and we were delighted with the turnout of 22. And the Newton Class of '75 had the biggest showing, with seven of us in total! (Visit BC's online community to see a photo that shows we haven't changed at all!) Posey Holland Griffin's big news is that husband Greg was admitted to Yale Divinity School and will start in the fall. Beth Reifers is back in New Canaan, doing interior design and helping out her parents. Ann Vernon

Fallon has three sons: one at Middlebury, one at UNH, and an eighth-grader. She is a guidance counselor at New Canaan High School and, in the small-world category, is my son Christopher's counselor—lucky us! Enid Hatton was able to join us before she headed to Kim Lucchesi Marshall's son's induction as an Eagle Scout. Mary Ellen Quirk lives next door in Darien. Her daughter Sarah is a high-school freshman and busy with spring track. Mary Ellen has been with Direct Media for the past 12 years and is an executive vice president. Helen Fox-O'Brien's oldest is a junior at Vanderbilt, with a younger brother headed to Bucknell. Helen has been managing investments at the Church Pension Fund for 16 years. • Francie Anhut writes that her daughter will be in seventh grade. She's on the board of her Rotary Club, chair of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce board, and coordinator of her book club. She occasionally sees Joanne Dunn, who lives in Denver and was hoping to get an update from Aileen Hundley Prout. She says, "If anyone is living in Colorado, please be in touch (fanhut@comcast.net)!" • Joanne Corrado Stern, Betsy Gaw McGrath M.Ed.'79, Joan Pedersen, Jane McCavitt, Teresa Valdes-Fauli Weintraub JD'79, Kathleen Kaye, and I are all looking for Mary Conway. Wow, Mary, you better check in or go into witness protection! • Check the website for late news and complete updates. • Thanks for the news and, as always, pray for peace.

1976

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Jeff Lewin lives in Lawrenceville, NJ, and is CEO of MGA, a career management firm placing senior executives in suitable jobs. It has 10 offices spanning the East Coast. • John Montalbano, JD'80, has co-founded a new law firm, McHugh, Chapman & Montalbano, located in Middletown, CT. • Cam (Flanders) Van Noord announced a website, www.cigarfamilycharitablefoundation.com, based in Florida. She continues her good work for it. • Karen and Gerry Shea enjoyed a minireunion with old roommates and friends from the Class of '78 when they gathered in Chestnut Hill for their 30th reunion. A great time was had by all! • Here's wishing all a healthy and happy summer. • Please write and God bless!

1977

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Cambridge Consultants, an international technology development company, has appointed Craig Carlson to lead its Cambridge, MA, acquisition initiative as part of the company's U.S. expansion plans. Craig has been a strategy, technology, and intellectual property consultant in the electronics, med-tech, and automotive electronics industries for more than 20 years. He previously worked with a number of technology development enterprises and has held engineering and product development positions with *Fortune* 100 companies including DuPont and General Motors. In addition to his degree from BC, Craig received a degree in public policy from Harvard University, and he is a lead mentor at the MIT Venture Mentor Program. • Jeffrey Wolf recently earned a graduate certificate in software engineering from Brandeis University. He and his wife, Valerie Kiviat, live in West Roxbury. They have three children: Elissa recently graduated with a degree in environmental resource management from Penn State University, Jason just completed his freshman year at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Gregory just completed his freshman year at Needham High School. Jeffrey is an applications support engineer for Digi International in Waltham. Valerie is an administrative assistant at temple Kehillath Israel in Brookline.

1978

REUNION 2008

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Defining moment of our 30th reunion: Laura DeGiacomo cartwheeling across the dance floor and jumping into a full split. Twice. "Defining," why? Well, because it is a metaphor for the Class of '78: We're still fun, still flexible, and still given to unexpected bursts of accomplishment. To those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a very special event. The clambake in the Dustbowl and the Flutie Brothers rocking out in the Quad under the night sky was a special way to kick off the weekend, and our

dinner-dance delivered on its promise of memories rekindled. Kudos to the entire planning committee, led by **Jack Foley**, as well as the fundraising group, headed by **Brian and Krys Owen** and **Randy MacDonald**. I also need to give a shout-out to my Mod-mate, **Joyce Gallagher Sullivan**, who served on the planning committee. It was a pleasant and hilarious surprise for me to see **Michael Moresco**, who is a high-school guidance counselor (yikes!) and has a daughter Eaglet. In fact, there are a great number of our class who either currently have offspring wandering about the Heights, or have had children at BC over the past several years. Well done, y'all! My Mod-mates **Joyce, Lori Gronert Hudson**, and **Cindy Meckus Nahkleh** pronounced Michael one of the most improved with age. Also stunning after all these years is **Barbara Grady**! Ditto **Jim McGuire**, who remains ageless. • One would think that being the class correspondent, I would have been carrying around a small reporter's notebook to interview attendees about what has been going on in their lives during the past 5 to 30 years, but alas, I have failed you miserably on that score. And most verbal conversations with classmates regarding their current events have blown away with the midlife wind. But what I can do is report on just a few of those I spied who showed up to celebrate: **Beth Caruso, Joyce Franco Swanson, Debbie Conese Eagan, Jeanne Fanning, Paul Broskie, Jennifer Smith Whitney, George Cornell, Kevin McLaughlin, Eddie O'Sullivan, Rich O'Meara, Billy McKiernan, Peter Van Camp, Rich Scheller, Tad Waldbauer, Jay Pingeton, Rick McDonald (but no Jack Stapleton), John Theiss, Susan Keating O'Connor, Eileen Lyons, Janet Waters McGowan, Charlie McCool, Bruce Fador (e-mail me, Brucel!), Owen '77 and Suzanne Owens Black, Brian Lynch, Bruce Lynch, John Fouhy, Julie Crisafulli, Kathleen Mitchell, and Paul J. Murphy JD'82**—and I understand Tim Stack did a lap or two around the Heights Room before disappearing into the night. • To all who were MIA: please shoot off an e-mail with an update of your lives, past and present. It's important. And to those of you with whom I spoke, but forgot to mention your what-abouts and whereabouts, hit the keyboard as well. • My own personal update: I have a book coming out this summer called *Parenting from the Trenches*. It's a compilation of parenting columns written by yours truly. E-mail me if you'd like more info. Selling lots of books would be a bonus. • And finally, I sadly inform you of the passing of one of our own: James

Gilbert of Providence, RI. Rest in peace. • See? Life can be too short, people. Share your bits and pieces and connect with long, lost friends.

1979

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In April, **Jay Hooley**, vice chairman and head of global investment servicing, trading, and research businesses at State Street, was appointed president and chief operating officer of the company by its board of directors. • The input I have received for this issue is woefully thin. My guess is that spring has been full of graduations, concerts, athletic events, and other activities. I am back to pleading. A quick update from classmates would be much appreciated, especially as we approach our 30th reunion year. I must admit that my efforts at ferreting out news has been subpar this issue, but I beg your indulgence. We have moved to West Newton, graduated a high-school senior, and moved another to a new school. Renovations here have been challenging, and life generally moves at a breathtaking pace. • The Class of '78 raised more than \$4 million in honor of our 30th reunion, breaking all previous records for our class gift to BC. The gauntlet has been thrown! We are up to the challenge, and I would love for you to reconnect. So, please get in touch soon.

1980

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We'd like to express sincere gratitude to **John Carabatos** for his great work reporting the news of classmates during the past few years, and we now welcome **Michele Nadeem** as the new correspondent for the Class of 1980. Please send your news to her at the above address; she would appreciate hearing from you! • **Suzanne (Horrigan) Johnson** reports meeting several classmates in New York City in March, "to start our yearlong celebration of turning 50." **Lisa DeNatale** arrived from Burlington, VT; she and her husband, Steve Boucher, have two children, **Emma (12)** and **Harrison (14)**. **Lisa (Fichtner)**

Pratt, husband **Jeff**, and their children **Logan (15)**, **Madison (10)**, and **Halle (8)** live in Cohasset. **Cecelia (Patrizio) Rudman** came up from Malvern, PA, where she resides with husband **Jim** and daughters **Abby (19)** and **Sara (15)**. **Darcy (Rudder) Griswold** lives in Raleigh, NC, with **Emily (19)** and **Harris (16)**. "Shopping, Broadway, dinners, wine, and a lot of laughs. Let the celebrations continue!" says **Suzanne**. She, husband **Jeff**, and their children—**Bobby (21)**, **Lauren (20)**, and **Ben (11)**—live in Bedford. • **Harold Regan** writes, "Life is pretty good, even if uneventful. I live in the same town (Wakefield) that I've lived in all my life. I've had the same job for 20 years in Burlington, and I am married to the same good woman, **Janet**, whom I took to my BC senior prom." **Harold** and **Janet** have two children: Their son is a freshman at Harvard, and their daughter—who he hopes will come to BC—is now in high school.

1981

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Tracy Quinn is the deputy director of communications for university development and alumni relations at Columbia University. Previously, she was communications director for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a vice president for The Freedom Forum, a foundation devoted to journalism and the First Amendment. • **Cliff and Jane (Annick) Rigby**'s oldest daughter, **Erin**, led Fairfield University to its first women's lacrosse win ever over BC. **Cliff** and **Jane**, who celebrated their 25th anniversary this past summer, were given a special exemption to root for the Eagles to lose that one game! **Cliff** is a dentist in private practice, and **Jane** is a partner in the law firm of **McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter** in Newark, NJ. • **Jamie Dahill** is "chilling in the New Jersey–New York City area, working for the man (corporate America)." He spent a few weeks last winter in Thailand, where he stayed at the Dream Hotel in Bangkok—"Check out its website!"—and hit the beaches on Phuket Island. That's **Jamie!** He encourages those of you venturing into New York City to look him up. • **Dan Arkins** recently participated in the 2008 Bataan Memorial Death March, a 26.2-mile trek through the high desert terrain in White Sands, NM, as a fundraiser for a planned BC veterans memorial. Please contact **Dan** at

DONNA MORRIS '81 AND BILL SWEAT MBA'91

daniel.arkins@us.army.mil for information on how you can help with this memorial to the over 200 BC graduates who have died in the line of duty. • I hope you've seen the full report online on the gang that hit the links in connection with the BC-Clemson game last fall. As space allows, I'll try to include some of them in this and future columns. Debbie and Greg Clower have three daughters—ages 18, 16 and 11—and live in Bryn Mawr, PA. Greg works for Lehman Brothers in private investment management, having sold his textile firm three years ago. Sue and Tim Laughlin and daughters Emily (15) and Colleen (13) recently moved back to Brookfield, CT, after seven years in Colorado. • I am sorry to report the death of our classmate Deborah Tedosia Carter in Raeford, NC, last summer. Our sincere condolences to Deborah's family. • As you know, this past year I also reported on the sudden death of Katie Spinos, M.Ed.'83, who was the superintendent of schools in Burlington, and who is survived by her two teenage children, Peter and Joanna. Friends and colleagues have established the Katie Spinos Family Trust to fund her children's college educations. Please contact Kathy Lawless '70 at kathy.lawless@verizon.net to find out how you can help.

1982

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For the last several months, I have been serving on the search committee that was formed to hire a new president for the Boston Public Library. I have worked with great committee members and met many talented candidates. The Boston Public Library and its 27 branches are such a valued resource here in Boston and around the country. • I heard from Charlie Busa: He and Larry Burak had a minireunion with Bruce Pearl in Knoxville, TN, where they watched the Vols beat the University of Kentucky in a great game. This year, Bruce led the Tennessee men's basketball team to the number one spot in the SEC and a top ranking in the NCAA basketball tournament. Charlie said it was a great weekend with Bruce and the team. Charlie also met with Russell Joyner and Johnny Ray in Las Vegas. Russell is senior vice president and general manager of the Miracle Mile Shops, part of the new Planet Hollywood Resort

FRUIT OF THE VINE

Perhaps seeing the glass half full is easy when it holds pinot noir. That's the impression one gets when chatting with Donna Morris '81 and Bill Sweat, MBA'91, a husband and wife team who bid farewell to the financial services field for life a bit closer to the vine.

The couple purchased the renowned Goldschmidt Vineyard in Oregon's Willamette Valley in 2006 and founded their own label, Winderlea (pronounced "Winder-lee"). This spring the transplanted Bostonians introduced a trio of pinot noirs. "Some of our very first dates were wine tastings," says Sweat, "and we later started to make travel decisions based upon what vineyards we wanted to visit. Wine is something we became passionate about



Donna Morris and Bill Sweat introduced a trio of inaugural wines under their Winderlea label this spring.

together and our palates always led us back to pinot noir."

Owning a vineyard recognized for this complex French grape seemed a logical career move for these oenophiles, who play a lead role—along with their wine-maker—in creating each offering.

Drink in their well-balanced thoughts below:

DONNA MORRIS

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Building something new and watching it take off.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Bringing my parents to Italy a couple of years ago—and walking through the Vatican with them. Since we don't have kids, it's probably the closest I'll feel to watching your children's sheer awe at Disney World for the first time.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

University Chorale concerts. I can't sing, but I was a dedicated groupie and accompanied the chorale to Paris in 1980 for a series of concerts with friends and fellow fans.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

Doing the best job I possibly can with what's in front of me each day.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

Why Women Should Rule the World
by Dee Dee Myers.

BILL SWEAT

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Memorial Day weekend 2008. Three years of work came together with the opening of our tasting room and the release of our inaugural 2006 vintage.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Watching Donna walk down the aisle at our wedding.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

Graduation was pretty good. Otherwise, watching the BC football team have its way with Notre Dame over the years has been pretty satisfying.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

Reaching profitability would be high on my list.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

A Vineyard in Tuscany: A Wine Lover's Dream by Ferenc Mate.

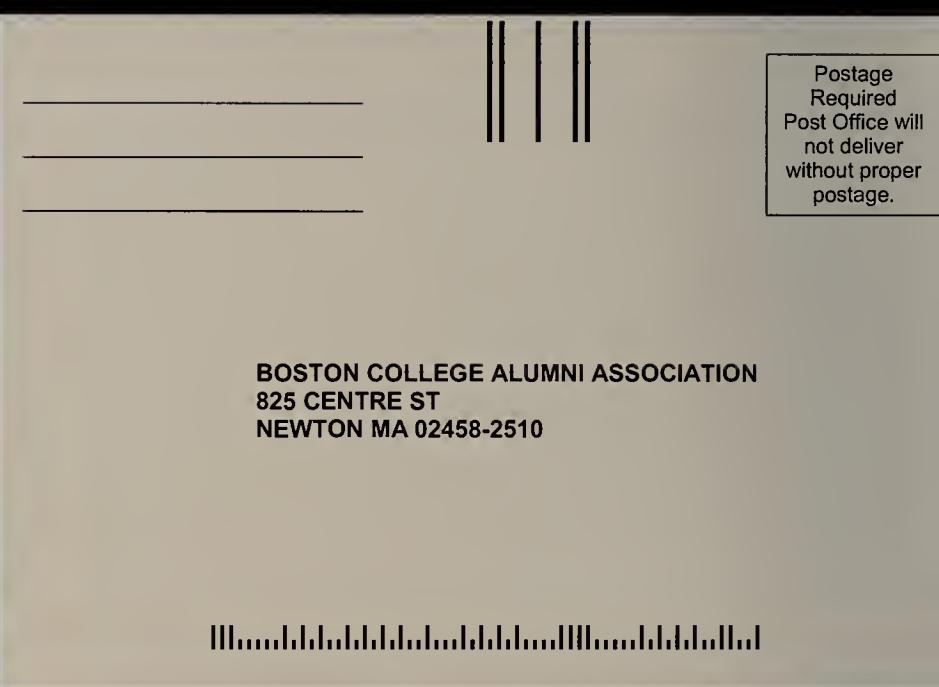
Remembering Our Loved Ones

Each November, the Boston College Alumni Association has our deceased alumni and friends remembered at daily Mass said by the Jesuits at St. Mary's Chapel. To share the names of those you would like remembered, please return this card or e-mail remembrances@bc.edu.

This year's Alumni Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday, November 2, at 11:00 a.m. in Trinity Chapel on Newton Campus. We hope you and your family can be with us.

To RSVP, call 800-669-8430 or e-mail remembrances@bc.edu.

NAMES OF DECEASED *(please list below)*





THE VALUE OF EDUCATION A first-generation college student, John A. Rogers '80 has a deep appreciation for the value of education. For four years, he worked more than 25 hours per week at Cerretani's Supermarket in Melrose while carrying a full course load as a Spanish and political science double major. Thanks to his job and academic scholarships, he was able to obtain a college degree. "My father taught me the value of a dollar and then I learned the value of a great education at BC," he says.

Rogers's love for BC has endured over the years: through a group of lifelong friends, his affinity for BC athletics, and his strong Catholic faith.

Rogers and his wife, Michelle, recently joined the Shaw Society by making annual deferred annuity gifts and an end-of-life bequest. Through their support, the Rogerses are helping ensure that future generations of students will benefit from a BC education.

PICTURED ABOVE: John A. Rogers '80 and his wife, Michelle



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1984

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and Casino in Las Vegas. Russell is trying to keep his football weight intact. Charlie wrote that Johnny looks great and is the owner of his own commercial development company. • **Michael Mancini** wrote to say that he has begun his eighth year at Genentech, USA, a biotech pharmaceutical corporation, as a regional account field manager. Mike covers the Northeast. He represents a therapy to treat cystic fibrosis patients and finds it extremely rewarding. Mike's health-care sales career began back in 1990. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Winthrop with their 12-year-old twin daughters. Mike wants to reach out to his Mod 7A roomies. He hasn't heard from some of you since the 20th reunion! What are you up to **Krinks, Fich, Michael O'Neill, and Michael Kelly?** At the 25th reunion Mike was able to connect with **Tom Quinn, John Faherty, and Scott Sassone.**

• I recently read in the New England province magazine *Jesuits* that **Grace (Cotter) Regan** is the executive director of advancement for the Society of Jesus of New England. The New England province hosted its 7th Annual Jesuit Gala on April 10, raising \$1.2 million to support the ministries of the Jesuits. • Congratulations to **Julie (Parker) Malloy** and her husband, Paul '80, on the graduation of oldest son Christopher from Canton High School this past spring.

I hope everyone enjoyed the reunion—send a note to let us know! • **Laura Lynch Delaney, MS'97**, writes: "After the Pine Street Inn nurses clinics were closed, I practiced at a community health center in Roxbury, doing primarily breast cancer screening and follow-up for the last three years as a community health clinical nurse specialist. After getting a divorce and buying a house in Hyde Park, I accepted a position at Boston Medical Center in September, coordinating the Breast Clinic and Breast Health Program there. I'm enjoying rebuilding my life and look forward to seeing some old friends at the reunion after a trip to Italy in May!" • **Deborah Colantonio** married Will Yarborough on March 8, and they traveled through Argentina for two weeks after their wedding ceremony. Deborah's closing comment says it all: "It's my first and forever marriage, and as my friends say, 'he's a doll!'" Congratulations, Mrs. Y!

January 19 in Boston. • I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer. • Thank you for your letters. Please write soon!

1985

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Hello to the Class of 1985! • **Lonnie Quinn** joined WCBS-TV in April 2007 and serves as the weathercaster for CBS2's weekday evening newscasts. He moved to WCBS from WTVJ-TV in Miami, where he had served as the weather anchor on *Today in South Florida* and won an Emmy for "Best On-Air Talent." He lives in New York City with his wife, Sharon, and their son, Nate. • **Dave Smalley** is the "weekender" editor for the Fredericksburg (VA) *Free Lance-Star*. • **Andrew Maloney**, a volunteer firefighter and an attorney with Kreindler & Kreindler, recently won a five-year legal case on behalf of a volunteer firefighter who died while responding to the World Trade Center bombing. Andrew agreed to represent the family after they were denied benefits under the federal Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act. Andrew took the case pro bono and won, and now the family will receive its benefits. Congratulations to Andrew for stepping up and representing this family of a hero who died helping others. • The Class of '85 lost a shining member when **Harry Ogrinc** passed away on March 4, leaving wife Lisa Johnson Ogrinc, daughter Betsy, and son Matthias. Harry touched many lives within the BC Community, his home town of Medfield, and beyond. His many friends from BC, including his former roommates from Mods 33A and 33B, gathered with Lisa's and Harry's extended families and friends to grieve, to provide solace, and to celebrate Harry's life. He will be fondly remembered by all. A fund in Harry's name has been established to benefit his children; please contact me for details. • That is all the news this quarter. • Have a great fall season, and please drop me a note with your news!

1983

REUNION 2008

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Rosa Fina-McShane wrote that she is living in Marshfield with her husband, David, and their two children, Julianne (13) and David Jr. (12). She and David recently purchased a boat dealership that they renamed McShane Yacht Sales LLC, newly located in Green Harbor. They encourage BC alumni to visit or call, because alums will be entitled to special discounts, and they will make a donation to Boston College in the buyer's name. This is an affinity marketing plan that they had put in place earlier with Bentley College (David's undergraduate and Rosa's graduate school), and it has been met with much success. You can e-mail Rosa at rosa@scituateyacht.com or call 781-837-0115. • I have news from my old roommate, **Gretchen Papagoda Parisi**. She and her husband, Ray, live in Kennett Square, PA, where she has her own writing and communications business. Gretchen reports that she recently had a visit from **Paul Scobie**, vice president of Star Creations Inc., a supplier of wall decor to national retail stores. "Paul graciously traveled here from his home in Fort Lauderdale to serve as the confirmation sponsor for my older daughter, Laura (12). We had a great weekend remembering all the good times we shared at BC, and Paul enjoyed telling Laura and her sister Anna (10) some funny college stories about their mom. I am thrilled that 26 years after meeting Paul in the Duchesne dorm we are still such close friends," Gretchen said. • This fall our son Mike will be a freshman at BC with his good friend **Kate Hoffman**, daughter of Steve and **Kathy Parks Hoffman**. They will be living on the Newton Campus, and all of us will enjoy being back on the Heights with a new generation of Eagles! We are a bit in shock that we will be returning to campus for Parents Weekend! • Have a great fall!

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Stephanie Johnson Sjoblard has been married for 16 years to Jon Sjoblard, and they've been living in Raleigh, NC, for the past 13 years. Her son Karsten was born in May 2007, joining older brother Krister (3). Stephanie earned a doctorate in audiology from the University of Florida in 2000. For most of the past decade, she's been an audiologist and assistant professor at UNC at

Chapel Hill in the Speech and Hearing Services division as well as the clinic director of the clinical training facility there. She'd love to hear from BC friends with whom she's lost touch over the years. • In May, **Donelle M. Gomes**, a probation officer II in the Fall River District Court, was honored at a State House ceremony that acknowledged the exemplary work of probation officers and support staff. She earned a degree in sociology at BC and has been employed with the Massachusetts Probation Service for the past decade. • **Anthony Cichello**, MA'89, of Krokidas & Bluestein, was named to the Board of Directors of the Milton Hospital Foundation. As a commercial litigator and trial attorney, Anthony works with clients on a range of matters, including health care, employment, real estate, contracts, construction, and leasing disputes. After graduating from Yale Law School in 1992, he was a law clerk to Hon. Sylvia H. Rambo of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. He and his family reside in Milton. • **Steve Ferrucci**, JD'90, e-mailed that **Phil Menna** and his family came to visit and to attend Bruce concerts in Indy and Cincinnati in March. Phil, wife Laura, and their two daughters live in Lincroft, NJ. Phil is a trial lawyer in New York City. In April, Steve and **Chris Harding** went to London to visit **Jim McEleney**. Jim works for Mellon Bank, where he heads up personal banking and investing for individuals in the Middle East and North Africa. While in London, they met up with **Hugh McDonald**, who is a partner with the law firm of Thacher Proffitt in New York City and was in London on business. Hugh and his wife have three daughters and live in Ramsey, NJ. Chris, who lives with his wife and two children in Wellesley, recently accepted a new position as executive vice president of sales for a computer consulting firm in Chelmsford. Steve, his wife, and three sons live in Fishers, IN, where he recently opened his own law practice, focusing on business contracts. Occasionally he works with **Joe McGlinchey**, who has had his own practice in Boston since the early 1990s. Joe, wife Allison, and their three children live on the South Shore.

"...And the towers on the Heights" are off somewhere getting renovated! Also from the looks of it, beloved old Gasson Hall isn't the only one that has had work done. I'm referring, of course, to the massive renovations and new buildings on Lower Campus. While, inexplicably, the Mods are still standing, many new dorms, a museum, and a huge parking garage have turned our little school into an amazing place. I overheard several classmates who were considering graduate work just for the dining options. Even the city of Boston itself looks much nicer (save Mary Ann's) to this tourist from California. Frankly, I'm just glad that I got into BC before Doug Flutie '85 threw that pass. • Many members of the Class of 1988 returned after 20 years to marvel at the new sights, get caught up with old friends, and meet new ones. It was great to go to the events and meet classmates' spouses, see pictures of their kids, and overhear things like, "How can you not remember Condiment Night?" or "Do you think it's alright to reveal my secret crush on—?" It really is funny what you remember. • Despite the great attendance, there were many notably absent classmates. I'm sure everyone there missed seeing someone they wanted to see. I know I had a list. For those who couldn't make it, please know you were missed and, most likely, talked about. The clock starts now, folks! You have just under five years to find a babysitter for the 25th. • While there were some commuters from around the Boston area, most "on campus" residents stayed at 90 St. Thomas More Road. Our suite had a huge bay window, a kitchen and living room combo, and closets large enough to serve as bedrooms. The fifth floor was almost entirely populated with '88ers, especially between the hours of midnight and 3 a.m. both Friday and Saturday nights. Apologies to anyone trying to sleep in room 417 or 617. • **John Murray**, **Phil Laffey**, and **Peter Mirabile** had by far the best-designed room, complete with now vintage vinyl album covers. Guys, I also hope you got all those quarters back! • Friday night, there was a concert by the Flutie Brothers Band on the Quad that I heard was very much fun. Our crowd of 30 or so never seemed to motivate, determined instead to prove the health benefits of red wine. We were happy to consider the unused tickets a form of class donation. • Saturday night was a big dance and heavy appetizers party at romantic McElroy dining room. Despite the disappearance of his microphone and not playing "One Night in Bangkok" or anything by the

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band Asia, the DJ kept the dance floor full until the lights came on. Otis Day & The Nights were nowhere to be found. • Thanks go out to the committee that organized everything, including the rather sizable class gift. I hope we reached our fundraising goal! • Something else I really enjoyed was meeting people who have "always been meaning to write." Oddly, it was suggested many times by various people that I should just make things up, usually about their old roommates who missed the reunion. No worries, though, I promise to fact-check from now on, and if someone says they are going into the mulching business, outer space, or an NFL executive office, or are moving to Guam, they had better mean it. • I've shared my reunion experiences, and I hope you'll write to share yours. If a reference or two in this column seem puzzling, trust me, it has deep meaning for someone. You had to be there.

1989

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Start planning for a return to the BC campus next May 2009! • Below are the latest condensed (owing to a tight word limit) updates on classmates. Please read the full updates on the BC online community: www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. • Marc and Michelle (DiNoff) Bermudez (MashD@aol.com) announce the birth of their son, Tyler Joseph, in April 2008 (one month early)! Michelle also reports that Paul and Donna (Franklin) Cimino live just down the road in Madison, NJ, and have two boys: Luke Conner, born in May 2007, and Andrew Franklin, born in October 2003... (more of this update online). • Sean Blair (m_sean_blair@yahoo.com) sent along news of a recent BC Desert Classic in Scottsdale, AZ, involving the men of Hillsides A13 and A14. This was the third golf outing they have had in the last six years; others took place in Texas and Wisconsin. Attending this trip were Sean Blair, David Mayer, Mike Salvato, Bob Savio, John Beil, Tom Pier, and Jim Massman. Mike Darling, defending champion from the Wisconsin trip, had to cancel last minute due to work, and Josh Plorde could not get a kitchen pass from his wife... (more online). • Walda Keohane (walda.keohane@csafinancial.com) wrote in that she and

her son Philip (6) recently moved back to Westwood. Walda keeps in touch with several '89 classmates, including Maura (Mo) Bartsch, Laura Kivlan, John Millspaugh, Paula (Blute) Ebbin, Owen Gaffney, Judy Brown, Noel Roberson, Jim Sieve, and of course brother Trevor Keohane. • Sean Cunniff recently joined the TowerGroup as a senior analyst in its brokerage and wealth management research service. Sean joins the firm's growing securities and investments practice, focusing his research on the business and technology issues facing the wealth management industry... (more online). • Kate and Tomas Simon (nomisto@gmail.com) announce the birth of Julia Bennet in February. Julia joins big brother Owen (2), who likes to constantly exclaim to complete strangers that he loves his new baby sister! The Simons live in Lawrenceville, NJ, and Tom is an in-house tax attorney at American Express in New York City. • Finally—with my apologies for not including this in my last column—Kathleen (Medeiros) Jay, MS'95 (owtul@yahoo.com), writes that she and her husband, Patrick, have been living in St. Louis since 2004 and have three boys: Owen (5), Tully (3), and Finn (1). The boys are proud members of Red Sox Nation and look forward to visiting Cape Cod each summer.

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Michael Baroni was recently awarded Hofstra Law School's Professional Excellence Award, and he's also landed a book deal (for a legal book applicable to everyone in corporate America; it should be out in mid-2009). He is still working as general counsel for BSH Home Appliances (Bosch, Siemens, Thermador, Gaggenau) and is chairman of the legal group for the home appliance industry. Recently, Michael's article on the threats posed to American consumers by products made in China was published in the *National Law Journal*. • Greg Montana and his family recently traveled to Germany, Hungary, Belgium, and Austria. The highlight of the trip for his kids was the Sound of Music tour in Salzburg! • Janna and Fran Forte welcomed their second child, Lucia Maria, on May 23. She joins big brother Francesco. Baby Lucia was delivered by Dr. Patricia (Nikitin)

Ischiropoulos '86. Bob Mascioli will become godfather to Lucia in July. The Forte family lives in Wayne, PA. Fran is going on his 13th year at Microsoft Corporation and currently serves as manager of its "information worker" business in the mid-Atlantic region. Recently, Fran was spotted helping Joe Hepp celebrate his big 40 at a surprise party thrown by family and friends, including Joe's wife, Liesl (Angeles) Hepp; Chris Marino; Joe Hilger; Tom Stabile; and John Martyn '93 and Dina Nimatallah-Martyn '93. • Yes, it is the year that most of us turn 40! I have attended a few of those parties myself. Mike Salve, MA'92, Ph.D.'95, was the first BC 40th, and we celebrated at Spice Market in Manhattan with John Flanagan MS'92, Patrick Langhenry, and Rita Rodin and her fiancé, Stephen Johnston. Patrick was feted in Queens in March, where Jessica and Ken Forton, JD'01, also joined us. Rita was next to fall in April, and we partied in style at the Mandarin Oriental in the Big Apple with John, Patrick and wife Raissa, Mike Michalisin, and Jun Medalla. • On April 17, Jim and Maureen (Appleyard) Granitsas welcomed Doron James and Samuel William into their family. Ecstatic grandparents are Eleanor and Bill Appleyard '59 of Swampscott and Marguerite "Niki" Granitsas of Lynnfield. Both boys are enjoying summer along the Essex River with their joyous parents and looking forward to cheering on BC football in the fall!

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We have lots of news this time around...so let's get right to it! • Heather and Mark Denney celebrated the arrival of their third daughter, Caroline Ann, on October 12, 2007. They live in Andover, where Mark is in his third season as the head hockey coach at Merrimack College. • Shaun McNamara changed careers, leaving management consulting behind to join the federal government. He now works for the Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary. Shaun lives in Alexandria, VA, with his wife, Carrie McKee '88, and their children, Katelyn and Brian. • Phil Groves wrote in with several updates. Rob Madden is running his own hedge fund and doing well. He lives in the Boston area and welcomes one and all BC

grads to his home. **Joe Indelicato** works for Morgan Stanley in New York City and is managing its investment risks. **Rob Warnock**, also in New York, recently left First Tennessee Bank, where he had worked in U.S. government bonds for the past several years. **Tim Chamberlain, John Kelly, Mike Dinapoli, and Jeff O'Neill** are in the Boston area working together in real estate development. **Jack Fleming** has just finished another busy Patriots' Day helping manage the Boston Marathon for the Boston Athletic Association. He tells Phil that one of these days, he will run it. Last Phil heard, **Andy Sage** was a partner at KPMG in Boston and doing great. **Mark Amorosi** is a partner at his law firm in Washington DC, as is **Rick Vitarelli** at his in Hartford. Phil and his wife, **Colleen (McCue)**, are moving to Hong Kong with their three kids. They have expanded their China investment business and need to be closer to the action. Everybody is welcome to visit them once they get settled in. People are going to take you up on that, Phil! • **Bob Young** welcomed son **Mason** on July 11, 2007. Mason and sister **Rebekah Ryan (4)** love watching BC football, and their family attended the game at Clemson. Rebekah even got a "high-five" from the Eagle! Bob and his wife, **Kristin**, celebrated their 10th anniversary with a trip to the Dominican Republic. They live in Lexington, SC. • **Maria del Rosario Escobar** lives in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and has four children: three girls (14, 13, and 6) and a boy (7). She works for a shipping company as a finance director. • **Gregory Lammons** is a newly appointed judge in Larimer and Jackson counties in Colorado. He was named to the District Court bench by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter on April 25. • Security Capital Assurance appointed **Elizabeth A. Keys** senior vice president and CFO. Previously, she served as SCA's managing director, head of financial planning and analysis.

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Joe Clausen has been living in Manhattan for about eight years. He recently switched finance jobs; he was with CBS Sports and is now senior finance manager at Time Warner. • **Anthony Munchak, MS'96**, is a portfolio manager at Invesco. His wife, **Amy (Hyland)**, has the more difficult job of taking care of their daughter **Emily (1)** and

their two-year-old yellow Lab. They have been living in Newton just a couple miles from campus for the past 11 years. They still keep in touch with **Phil Polimeno, Al Riviezzo, Mike Borgioli, Don Nguyen, Chris Gildea, John Keene, Jason Beal, and Alexia Corey Monsen**. • **Mark Blando** is a partner at Eckland & Blando LLP, a law firm in Minneapolis focusing on government contract law. Mark married **Kate Flynn**, and they have four kids: **Grace (9), Lily (6), Georgia (3), and Joseph**, who was born on March 26. Grace and Lily go to school at St. Michael's Academy in St. Paul. The family lives in Eagan. • **John Rijo** is principal, corporate lending and special situations, at Stairway Capital. He joined Stairway in June 2006, and his responsibilities include sourcing new business, due diligence, and managing and monitoring portfolio investments. For much of his 15-year career, John has worked in roles to evaluate and improve enterprise operations and profitability. Previously, he was a consultant to RAS Management Advisors. He also earned a CPA with Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) and worked for the Walt Disney Company in corporate finance. • **Cosimo Trapani** is a senior manager at 1800Flowers.com.

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Thanks to all who attended our 15th reunion. A special thanks goes out to the Reunion Social Committee and **Eva Maynard '97**, who helped make our reunion a memorable event. I hope you all enjoyed seeing friends and reliving BC memories. • Now on to our class news: **Patrick and Kelly (Wild) Lilly** welcomed the newest member to the family, **Patrick Robert "PJ" Lilly Jr.**, on April 15. **Sarah (3)** loves being his big sister! Kelly has been an elementary special education teacher for 14 years and teaches in Newtown, CT. The Lillies live in Trumbull and are currently building an addition to their house to accommodate their newest one! • **Kara (Quirk) Casten** writes with some updates on BC friends: **Stephanie Willis May** lives in Seattle with her husband, Tim, and sons **Theo (4), Charlie (2)**, and new baby **Henry**. She is a financial markets editor for Charles Schwab. **Ursula Poehling Whalen** lives in Nashville with her husband, **Patrick**, and

sons **Jack (4), Connor (3), and Dylan (1)**. **Ursula** is an assistant professor of medicine at Vanderbilt Medical School. **Cara Zappala** lives in Washington DC with her husband, **Quique**, and kids **Nicolas (5) and Elena (3)**. She is a special assistant to the vice president, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, at the World Bank. • Congratulations to **Hugh Crean** for his success as CEO of **Forecast**, a smart travel search site that helps with airfare predictions and hotel search options. Forecast's airfare prediction shows if fares are rising or dropping and, based on the prediction, will provide a recommendation to buy now or later. Its **Hotel Rates Key** indicates whether or not today's rate for a specific hotel is a deal. Congratulations, **Hugh—Lee Iacocca** would be proud!

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As promised, messages that I couldn't include last time are here now, as well as some new notes. • **Shannon McDevitt**'s company, **Just Humor Me!**, professional presentations for the fun inspired and fun impaired, was featured on her local TV news. • **Michael Troy** is an associate at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine. • **Maria and Dave Martin** live in Wayland with son **Ryan (7)** and celebrated the first anniversary of their weight-loss center for women, **Inches-A-Weigh**. • In September, **Thanda Fields Brassard, JD'97**, welcomed son **Ryan Alexander**, who joins Ian (4). Thanda lives in Needham, is a lawyer for Fiduciary Trust Company, and was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer "Rising Star" in Boston. Thanda reports that **Laurie Goguen** is enjoying San Francisco, working in culinary arts; **Paola (Lapira) Debow** is in Hartford, CT, with husband **Dwight**; **Lisette Colon** is an assistant principal in the Boston Public Schools; and **Jane (Hagopian) Duprey** is a mother of three who lives in Stow with husband **Jack**. • **Sue Hanley Leip, M.Ed.'95**, recently saw **Heather Dean**, who lives in New York City, works for EMC, and has a daughter, **Ryan (2)**. • **Kelly Keefer** was promoted to Copper Resort's vice president of operations. • After being chief orthopedic surgery resident in New Jersey, **Jonathan Fallon** moved to Boston with wife **Laura** and kids **Emma, Gus, and Henry**. Jonathan

is a fellow in sports medicine at UMass and works as a team doctor for the Red Sox. • On January 19, Chip and Margot Krotee welcomed two girls, Parker Abigail and Campbell Latshaw, who join brother Lee (who is exactly 15 months older). The family recently moved from New York City to Darien, CT. They visited with Marisa and Tony Bertoldo and their boys, Charlie and Ben. • Anne O'Keefe France lives in Oak Park, IL, with her husband and three boys. She completed her master's in educational studies from the University of Illinois-Chicago. • Jeanne and Brendan Coffey had their first child, Lila Mary, in December. Lila arrived after they had moved to Nahant, MA, from Jersey City, NJ. Brendan and Jeanne are freelance writers and enjoy baby and beach time at home. Brendan has reported for *Forbes*, the *Washington Post Magazine*, and the *Wall Street Journal* and also writes fiction. • In March, Dennis and Tracey (Johns) Delp welcomed son Kevin, who joins big brother Ethan (6). They live in Bel Air, MD. Tracey is a senior assistant state's attorney prosecuting general felony cases.

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Jonathan and Deirdre "DeDe" Carroll Erulkar welcomed their second son, Benjamin Holden Erulkar, on May 18, 2007. • Diana and Steve Susann welcomed their fourth child, William Carroll, on September 12, 2007. This summer they will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary! • Robert and Cheryl (Pederson) Maguire, MA'97, are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Julia Reese, on April 9. • Kelli and Dave Finnegan are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Henry Michael, on April 23. • Joseph and Amy (Pesapane) Lally welcomed their second child, Sean Patrick, on April 28. • Maria Lamoutte and Mat Kachur are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy, Christopher. • Jennifer (Thibeault) Connor, JD'01, and husband Ed, MS'00, welcomed their first child, a boy, Sean Edward Connor, on May 5. • Becky Yang married Brendan O'Malley on February 29 (Leap Day!) in Palos Verdes, CA. Becky is a forensic accountant, and Brendan is a graphic designer. They live in Culver City, CA.

• After practicing law in New York City for the past nine years, Sean O'Leary has returned to Rhode Island to practice law with his father at O'Leary & Associates. You can get in touch with Sean at sto@oleary-law.net. • This past spring, Christa Maher completed her master's in library and information science from The Catholic University of America in Washington DC. Christa lives in Silver Spring, MD, with her husband and daughter. • Rick and Stephanie (Harrison) Dunay live with their two sons, Harrison (6) and Wyatt (4), in Staunton, VA. Stephanie has been enjoying a wonderful career in pharmaceutical sales. • Kevin "KJ" Johnson sent in several updates about our classmates. Danny Taha manages Taha Commercial Properties in Miami. Michael Cuomo is doing well working for a law firm in New York City. Mike Mamula is married with two children, living in Villanova, PA. Julie Rafferty lives outside Philadelphia and is a litigator for a major Philadelphia law firm. • I've included as many updates as space would allow. For a more detailed version of these class notes, as well as updates from Gregory Daniels, Jennifer Baker Leonard, and Sean Sullivan, please check the alumni online community at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. • Thanks to everyone who sent in updates!

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I'm happy to report that Sally Sharkey married Joseph Ayers on May 3. They met at New York Hospital-Cornell in Manhattan, where she was a nurse, and he was a resident. Guests at the wedding included Sarah Leonard (a bridesmaid); Janis Kersten (who offered a reading); Andy and Becky (Kenworthy) Zaremba; Kevin and Amy (Hanrahan) Lydon; Mike '97 and Joanna (Landivar) Yauckoes; Chris and Marianne (Troiano) Walsh; Rob Hernandez; Dave and MaryBeth (Cosgrove) Leiphart; Mike and Pamela (Sanchez) Villagomez; Tommy Fears JD'07 and his partner, Jon Whiting; Kim O'Neil '97; and Kerry Gaine '98. Sally (who regrets that she forgot to request the de rigueur BC wedding photo) is currently completing a master's in nursing anesthesia at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She and Joe plan to volunteer

abroad with the Catholic Medical Mission Board before he starts a fellowship in trauma and critical care surgery. • My old Mod neighbors Ramy and Rebecca (Cyr) Fayed were married in 2001 and welcomed a son, Zachary, into the world on March 7, 2007. Becky writes: "The three of us live in Bethesda, MD, with our two dogs, Chestnut and Newton (named after the two BC campuses). We love to go to the BC-Maryland game every other year, and this year we bundled Zach up in all his BC gear and headed to the game. Even though we lost, we prepared Zach for the future fun that goes along with BC football. Ramy and I are both attorneys at the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Washington DC. We both practice in the health-care group and actually work three doors down from each other!" • More babies: Lisa and Keith Borge welcomed their second child, Samuel Tyler, on May 3, 2007. Erin Daoust gave birth to her third child, Annie Daoust Comella, on July 11, 2007. Jean and Matt Kroh welcomed their third child, Carl Everett, on June 27, 2007. • Finally, two little BC boys were born on April 8, 2008: Missy and John Nash welcomed Charles Anthony, and about the same time, Crissy Hayes Callaghan and Andrew Fellingham welcomed Robert Hayes. Congrats to all.

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Meredith Byrne married Eric Lussen '98 on March 29 in Chicago. BC's Fr. Richard McGowan, SJ, presided over the ceremony. BC alumni in the wedding party included matron of honor Laura (Paczosa) Keehan, bridesmaid Jill (Desmarais) Koval, and groomsmen Mike O'Donnell '98 and James Sheppard '02. Other BC alumni in attendance included Jessica (Jacobs) Enstice, Kevin and Aileen (Simitis) Breen, and Sarah Nist, among others. The couple currently reside in Chicago. • Jennifer '00 and Tucker Stine welcomed their second child on April 17. Emma Julia shares her birthday with older brother Matthew Tucker (3)! The family lives in San Diego around the corner from Rachel and Matthew Tulis and their daughter Kate (2). Matt has just been named chief resident at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego. • Christopher Ferragamo was recently elected partner at

Jackson & Campbell PC in Washington DC, where he has been practicing law as an insurance coverage litigation attorney for four years. He and his wife, Tara '99, live in northern Virginia with their son, Rian (2). • Lon and Amy (Beneway) Feeley welcomed baby Nolan David on January 12. He joins his big sis, Emma (3). • Julie and Brian Merges welcomed a baby girl, Abigail "Abby" Hughes, on October 24, 2007. Brian is an attorney at the Pasadena, CA, law firm Sabaitis O'Callaghan, and Julie is a director of organization development at Walt Disney Studios in Burbank. They reside in the Westwood section of Los Angeles. • Katie and Matt Gelb had identical twin girls, Laurella Virginia "Ella" and Margaret Christine "Megan", on April 27, 2007. • B.J. and Cindy (Tahlmore) Speranza, MA'99, welcomed their first child, Sophia Marie, on April 10. B.J. is the president of Galen Patient Recruitment, and Cindy is a math editor with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. They live in Lincoln, RI. • Liam and Danielle (Mecurio) O'Heir, MA'02, had their second baby, daughter Carly Darren, on March 24. Their son Evan is now two years old. They live in Georgetown, MA. Danielle is a school counselor in Topsfield, and Liam works for IBM. • Michelle and Peter Maniscalco welcomed a daughter, Alexandra Kate, on August 30, 2007. The family lives in Rye Brook, NY, where Peter is an assistant director of executive compensation for Interpublic Group (IPG), and Michelle is a part-time attorney.

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Holly Canevari, who received a master's degree from Johns Hopkins, married Joseph Gigliotti (University of Michigan '97 and University of Chicago for his master's degree) on September 1, 2007, at the Connecticut River Museum in Essex. Class of '98 members in attendance: Gina McCreadie (maid of honor), Jumana Farouky (bridesmaid), and Karlen (Stanziale) Shupp M.Ed.'99. Holly and Joe live and work in the Washington DC area. • Chris Boscia, MA'00, married Kristin Love on September 1, 2007, at Mission Santa Clara on the campus of Santa Clara University (SCU). Kristin is SCU '03. Ninety-eighters in attendance were best man Brendan Kennealey, Michael

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Much the way Dublin provided the rich texture for James Joyce's fiction, Boston has done so thus far for award-winning independent filmmaker Dave McLaughlin '95. The youngest of 11 siblings, eight of whom graduated from BC, McLaughlin has made two movies layered in "Bostonia"—*Southie* (1998), a drama about a young man (Donnie Wahlberg) who returns home to South Boston to find his family allied with the Irish mafia, and *On Broadway* (2007), a film about a Boston playwright (Joey McIntyre) who quits his job to start a theater in the back of an Irish pub. *On Broadway* won the 2007 Director's Choice Award at the Boston Irish Film Festival.



Dave McLaughlin's *On Broadway* won the 2007 Director's Choice Award at the Boston Irish Film Festival.

Like many of his characters who lead complicated lives, McLaughlin offers more than what meets the eye. When he's not writing screenplays or directing, he serves as vice president of the Boston-based agency marlo marketing/communications.

Below, McLaughlin reveals part of the inspiration behind his moviemaking:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Whenever I see my work affect someone else's worldview, it's enormously gratifying. For example, a man at a film festival in Michigan stopped me in the street after seeing *On Broadway* and broke into tears as he compared his relationship with his father to the one in the movie.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Becoming a father.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

A&S Honors discussions with Professor Mark O'Connor.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

Besides writing stories, I have several concurrent goals. I'm building a new professional services area at my firm, trying to create a virtual community of Bostonians who promote business opportunities in the city, and supporting the effort to transform the Boston Irish Film Festival into the Irish diaspora's most significant, forward-looking cultural event.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

The Long Tail: Why the Future of Business Is Selling Less of More by Chris Anderson.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

I understand my talents and my limitations a little better.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON IN LIFE?

Grab every chance to be generous.

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO EACH DAY?

Spending time with smart, creative people.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE THE MOST?

My parents: Economics Professor Francis McLaughlin '54, MA'57, and Clare Carr McLaughlin, M.Ed.'73.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE BC CAMPUS?

My father's office. He's got a great recliner—it's some sort of green plastic faux leather. At least I think he still has it.

McAndrew JD'06, Darren Maupin, Dave Burns, and B.J. Coakley. Kristin and Chris both worked full-time while attending law school at night and took the bar exam in July. Chris works for the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice, and they live in the undergraduate dorms at SCU as resident ministers. • Tracy (Raposa) '95 and Michael "Mickey" Curley and daughter Gracie live in Kingston. Tracy is assistant principal at Scituate High School. • Emily Odachowski and Mark Cunningham were married in June 2004 and had their first baby, Tyler Matthew, in May 2007. They live in Watertown. • Dave and Katie (Regan) Kane moved back to Massachusetts after spending four years in Colorado. Dave is doing a fellowship in pediatric cardiology at Children's Hospital Boston, and Katie has been working in the biotech industry since graduation. They had a daughter, Caroline Grace, on November 8, 2006. • Rich and Aimee (Moitz) Fiorito had their second child, Matthew Henry, on July 28, 2007. Rich recently took a new systems support engineer position with Affymetrix in Santa Clara, CA. • Stephanie Gaviglia married Stephen Hall on September 1, 2007, at St. Patrick's Church in Natick. The reception was held at the Boston Harbor Hotel. In attendance were '98ers Matthew Lane, Brian Soucek, and Will Beekman. Stephanie and Stephen enjoyed a two-week honeymoon on Maui and a week on Cape Cod and now reside in Natick. Stephen is a graduate of Natick High School and works for his family's construction company. Stephanie works for EMC Corporation as the senior human resource manager. Stephanie and Stephen met on a blind date arranged by their sisters. • Meredith MacDonald moved to San Francisco shortly after graduation and then moved to Berkeley in 2005. She graduated in May from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley with a master of divinity. In summer 2007, she married Christian Spencer (Miami University '00). Meredith has been working as a writer and editor and has how-to projects in a few craft publications. • Sarah Colbert married Jonathan Bracken on September 29, 2007, on Nantucket. Amy Rourke was a bridesmaid, and Megan (Boll) LaRose attended the wedding. The couple live in Davis Square in Somerville. Sarah teaches kindergarten at the Driscoll School in Brookline, and Jonathan does marketing for a software company. • Brian, JD'07, and Caitrin (Lammon) Dunphy, MA'07, are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Nolan Lammon, on October 7, 2007, in

Boston. • Tomen and Michelle (Yip) Tse are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Emma Clair, on October 27, 2007, in Raleigh, NC. Big sister Mya Tse is four.

1999

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I hope you all enjoyed your summer.

• Remember that our reunion is coming up in June 2009. We will be holding events leading up to the reunion (a 100 Days party) and throughout the weekend. You can stay up-to-date through the "BC Class of 1999" group on Facebook. Now for the updates.

• Tristan '97 and Jenn (Klingler) Jordan welcomed a baby boy, Tyler Lee, on November 27, 2007! They are currently living in West Norwalk, CT. • Tamatha (Baker) '97, M.Ed.'99, and Paul Bibbo welcomed a little girl, Haleigh Elizabeth, on September 25, 2007. The family now resides in Medway. Paul is a buyer for TJX Companies in Framingham, and Tamatha is an assistant principal in the Needham Public Schools. • Matthew Kelly wrote in with a few updates. He is finishing his ninth year teaching English at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, where he is an assistant baseball coach as well as the moderator for the school's literary magazine. Lastly, Matthew recently welcomed to the world his first nephew, Cameron Robert Kelly. • David Myers recently received his MBA from Pepperdine University. • Patrick Gray's first book, *Breakthrough IT: Supercharging Organizational Value Through Technology*, has been published by John Wiley & Sons. • Meredith and Jeff Tusa announce the birth of Ellie Jane in September in Dallas, where Jeff works for Hunt Private Equity Group.

• Terry Kerr wrote that after working in finance in Boston, then going back to grad school at St. Andrews University in Scotland and returning to finance in New York City, he has left the financial world and has been working on creating a luxury fashion company, Henley & Sloane, focusing on men's dress shirts and accessories. Plans are to launch in August online and at trunk shows at clubs and men's stores on the eastern seaboard. Check it out online at www.henleyandsloane.com. • Damian Paletta continues his success at the *Wall Street Journal*. Keep an eye out for one of his many front page stories. • A couple of updates

from me (Matt Colleran, MBA '06). I recently completed my fourth Boston Marathon. I ran as a member of the Dana Farber Cancer Research Team and raised over \$13,000 for cancer research. I also recently caught up for lunch with Andrew Pena across the pond in London. He is doing well, still working at Goldman Sachs, and is hoping to be able to make it back to Boston for our reunion. • That is it for now. Enjoy the fall, and keep the updates coming.

2000

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Dear Class of 2000, in March Mike Connery published his first book on politics, *Youth to Power: How Today's Young Voters Are Building Tomorrow's Progressive Majority*.

• Also in March, David Giordano, JD'05, an associate in WilmerHale's intellectual property department, was selected as the firm's first Pickering Fellow. For six months, he will work full-time at the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children at Boston Medical Center.

• Hoon Choi has completed his military duties in South Korea. He is currently working there as an assistant art dealer. • In April, 13 members of our class headed to Puerto Rico to celebrate their 30th birthdays. Classmates included Julianne Marrone Abrose, Meghan Gilligan, Katie Ryan Wise-carver, Liz Shevlin Seita, Liz Lane, Kelly Zaremba, Emily Santos, Kara Gordy, Caitlin Frey O'Malley, Carrie Everett Heffernan, Carrie Hargreaves Smith, Marnie Bonifac Frey, and Kellie Misiaszek Ebert. • On August 25, 2007, Andrea Fabsik and Eric Bendjouya were married in Ringwood, NJ.

• Matthew Adams married Sarah Peters on September 16, 2007, in Chicago, where the couple reside. • Michael Cianfrocca and Adrienne Choy celebrated their wedding on February 23 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They live in San Francisco, where Mike works at Charles Schwab and Adrienne, at Wells Fargo. • On February 29, Rachel Daniels married Bradley Cunningham in Laguna Beach, CA. Rachel is a manager at GE Money, and Bradley is a project engineer for a builder based in Canada. The couple live in Fountain Valley, CA. • Mike and Meg Miles Loester welcomed their first child, Patrick Brendan, on June 1, 2007. The family lives in Baltimore. • Tom and Danielle Basso Sly welcomed a baby boy, Henry William,

on September 20, 2007. They live in San Francisco. • Rob and Joan DeMarco Kosowsky welcomed their first child, daughter Sloane Ella, on September 28, 2007. The family now resides in Boston. • Kevin Boland and Kerrie Caulfield-Boland '01 welcomed their first child, Kyle Donald, in October 2007. The family lives in New Jersey. • Jonelle and Mark Ritchie are proud to announce the birth of twins. Megan Elisabeth and Matthew John were born on February 21 in Utica, NY. • Jon and Lisa (Gallagher) Mendicino welcomed their second son, Matthew Thomas, on April 15. He joins his big brother, Timothy. • Brad and Kathryn (Reyes) Hamrlik welcomed their first child, Caroline Grace, on April 26. The family lives in Chicago. • Thanks for the wonderful news!

2001

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Greetings, classmates! • I want to start this column with some wonderful news of my own! My husband, Jay Vallala, and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our son, Ethan Rohan Ackerman-Vallala, on May 9 at Mass General in Boston. Ethan was welcomed home by big sister Diya, family, and friends! He will be BC Class of '30! We are overjoyed to have him and can't believe he's finally here. • Katherine (Heffernon) Hanna also welcomes a new addition! Daughter Mia Louise was born on March 10 in Charlotte, NC. Congrats to Kathy and husband Sam! • Shawn and Jenna (Person) Grodzicki are proud to announce the birth of daughter Tessa Rose on March 7. Hooray! • Another new mom is Kim (Damuth) Belitz! Her son Luke was born on February

attended were Kevin '96 and Barbara (Carbonaro) McKay, Melissa (Funsch) Kelly, Evan and Kerry (Andrews) Pasqua, Jake and Meredith (Almquist) Giannotti, and Steve Vogel. Other BC alums present were Mandy (Johnson) Krowlewska '00, Rob Carley '99, Mike and Liz Licata '99, Jonathan Tice '99, Jen Healy '97, Jen Peschier MBA '06, and Joanne Weldon '97. • Julie Ramsland Gabrielson announces her marriage on March 22 to Jason Gabrielson in Vail, CO. Classmates present were Jill (Lombard) Timlin, Kate Sullivan, and Micaela (Rae) Williamson. Best wishes to the happy couple! • Army Captain Alan Wehbe is still in Baghdad, Iraq, and after receiving a CARE package from home, he's playing lacrosse! His e-mail is alan.wehbe@gmail.com, and he'd love to catch up with old friends! • Shane Smith and Matt Smith (brother of Brady Smith, Class of '10) won the winter Wednesday night bowling championship at Mustang Alley in Baltimore. The Smith cousins, two members of the 10-person coed team Bowl Movements, appear primed to repeat as title holders in the summer league. Ryan Utzler, MBA '03, was the honorary team mascot.

2002

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Ryan Driscoll '99, JD '02, married Reagan Barrett on August 11, 2007, at St. Julie Billiart Church in North Dartmouth, with a reception at Round Hill in South Dartmouth. They currently reside in Boston. There were many BC alums in attendance. • Meaghan Hollenbeck and Michael V. Barry were married on August 18, 2007.

Army Captain Alan Wehbe is still in Baghdad, Iraq, and after receiving a CARE package from home, he's playing lacrosse!

10. Dad Nick Belitz is Class of 2000. The family lives in Denver. Congrats! • Kristina "Tina" Beattie married Nicholas on April 26 in Boston. BC alums in the wedding party were Ron Beattie '69, father of the bride; Michael Beattie '99, brother of the bride; and Sarah Zoccolante. Classmates who

The ceremony was held at Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus, and the reception was at the Boston Harbor Hotel. BC alumni in the wedding party included Caitlin Barry, Lauren Barsanti, James Bride, Matthew Calner, Erin Humphries, and John Thomas. Bryan Bonk and Lauren Godden served as

readers during the ceremony. Other BC alumni in attendance included Steve Barwikowski '99; Kate Barry '01, M.Ed. '02; Meg Bride MS '05; Kristina Rachel Chacko; Robert Gall; T. Gleason Gallagher '75; Lauren Gehrig; Charlotte Haygood MSW '08; Toni Mardirossian; Sejal Mehta; and Tarek Nahabet. The couple reside in South Boston. • Edward Mullins married Lauren Bock on January 19 at St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church in Bayonne, NJ. A reception followed at The Venetian in Garfield. In attendance were groomsmen Matthew DePasquale, Timothy Lavin, and Chad Quinn; lector Ryan Baker; and guests Alexander Acree, Jeffrey and Christine (Bonavita) Carman M.Ed. '03, John Curnutte, Bryan Dominguez, Rachel Dunleavy, Lydia Hansell, Patrick Houlihan, Robert Kinlin, Brett Thomas, and Matthew Whittaker. The couple reside in Bayonne. Ed is a litigation associate at Kaye Scholer LLP in New York. Lauren is a staff member at New Jersey City University, where she is also an adjunct professor and an active member of the Screen Actors Guild. • Erin Conroy and Thomas Welling were married on February 2 in St. Vincent Ferrer Church in New York City. Erin is an associate in the structured debt investments group of RREEF, the asset management subsidiary of Deutsche Bank. Thomas is an attorney in the litigation group of the law firm Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. Janet Gorgone and Kristin Corapi were bridesmaids. Other BC alumni in attendance included Kimberly Younquist '00, Sid Visentini '00, and Serene Saliba '04.

2003

 REUNION 2008

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Greetings, Class of 2003. I hope you all enjoyed catching up with everyone at the reunion as much as I did! During the weekend, I heard many wonderful stories of our classmates' graduations, promotions, successes, engagements, and marriages, as well as welcoming of little ones into the world! To include it all would take an entire magazine, so I've included only news from those who have e-mailed me or that I specifically remember hearing. If anyone has great news to share, please let me know, and I'd be happy to include it in the next issue. • Tom Casazzone, JD '09, married Denise Thomas on May 10 in Tarrytown,

NY. The beautiful ceremony was held at a quaint church in Dobbs Ferry. BC folks in attendance included groomsman Patrick Matarazzo; David Cotter MA'05; Lesley (Johnston) Lang; Adam Poluzzi MA'07; Karen Goldfeder; Andy O'Kane; Courtney Chapman '02; Steve Sintra '04; Katie Weiss '04, JD'07; Phil Bulauitan; Kyle Stewart; Sarah Ryndak '04; and Ann Russo '83. • Damon and Catherine (Boron) Ehret welcomed daughter Caroline Grace into the world on January 14. • Meg Sandman married Bjossi Ingimundarson '99, MS'04, on October 27, 2007, in Boston. Bridesmaids included Meghan Butler, Melissa (Skow) Gallant, and Meryl (D'Atri) Staats. The couple honeymooned in South Africa and now live in Boston. • Andrea St. Martin and Jim Cunningham were married on March 1 at St. Ann's Church in Raynham in a small ceremony with only immediate family present. The couple renewed their vows with family and friends on May 3 at St. Ann's Church, and a celebration followed at Brookmeadow Country Club. The newlyweds honeymooned in Thailand and now live in Watertown. Andrea currently works as a program manager in executive education at Harvard Business School, and Jim works in fixed income sales at Merrill Lynch. • Amy Jo and A.J. Walker welcomed their first child, a baby boy, Easton Andrew, on December 1, 2007. The family resides in Chicago, where A.J. works for Wachovia in its Real Estate Commercial Lending division. • Jonathan Almonte graduated

which is not nearly as much fun as the reunion. Congratulations to all! • Please let me know if you have news to share.

2004

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First Lieutenant Natalie Meyers, a graduate of the Connell School of Nursing, is a flight nurse and air evacuation crew chief deployed to Southwest Asia with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, U.S. Air Force.

2005

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In March, Ashley Nicole Coutu graduated from the University of Cambridge (England) with a master's degree in archaeology. She is presently pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of York, where she is employed as a Marie Curie early stage researcher, working on a team that will excavate 19th-century caravan trade sites in East Africa. Ashley was recently awarded an internship by the Smithsonian in Washington DC to conduct isotope analysis in order

Emily Dendinger is the winner of the Women Playwrights' Initiative's Fifth Annual Southeast Script Competition for her play *Swimming After Dark*.

from Fordham Law School in May. Cheers! • Also in May, Kelly Holland graduated from UMass Medical School, where he delivered the class address at Commencement. He is now a resident physician at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Seattle. Congrats, Kelly! • Adam Baker, Toni Ann Kruse, Sarah McKenzie, Tim Monahan, and Jessica Supernaw graduated from Boston College Law School in May. Adam delivered the class address at Commencement and was presented with the Francis D. Privitera Family Commencement Award for outstanding scholarship and exceptional contribution to the Law School. These new Double Eagles are now all studying hard for the bar exam,

to source historical pieces of ivory from East Africa. • In August 2007, Lindsey Bazzone began an MD/Ph.D. program at Tulane University School of Medicine. She plans to practice in the field of internal medicine. • Emily Dendinger is the winner of the Women Playwrights' Initiative's Fifth Annual Southeast Script Competition for her play *Swimming After Dark*. Based in Virginia, Emily planned to be in Orlando for the Southeast premiere of the play at the end of May. She is also working on her master's degree at the University of Chicago. • Grace Simmons plans to begin an MBA program at Harvard Business School this fall. • Dan Joyce was promoted

to General Electric's corporate audit staff. He made the transition upon completion of GE's Information Leadership program at the top of his class. • In May, Rebecca Magnone received her law degree from the Catholic University of America. • Also in May, Anna Schlelein received her JD from Boston University School of Law. She was the recipient of the Warren S. Gilford Law and Humanity Prize for her commitment to public service and her work to make legal services more accessible to disabled veterans in Massachusetts.

2006

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Congratulations to Courtney Hopkins, who completed an MA in psychology in May, and has accepted a clinical research coordinator position in the Pediatric Psychopharmacology and Adult ADHD Department at Massachusetts General Hospital. Courtney is looking forward to moving back to the Boston area and spending time with her sister, an incoming BC freshman. • Katie Twardak was recently featured in an article titled "Giving Back" in *Vera Bradley Magazine*. As a Teach For America volunteer, Katie began teaching special education at a school in the Bronx. Now in her second year with TFA, she is teaching fifth grade at the 21st Century Charter School in Gary, IN, in a recently developed program that has replaced textbooks with a computer-based curriculum. • Margaret Hepp recently accepted a position at GIE Media in Richfield, OH, as associate editor of *Golf Course Industry Magazine*. Previously, Margaret had been employed at Amazwi as an editorial assistant. • Dorsey Hairston has shown an entrepreneurial spirit in opening a Rita's Water Ice store in Tallahassee, FL. • Some young alumni, mostly members of the Class of 2006, enjoyed a weekend of "crabs and baseball" for the second annual Red Sox game viewing at Camden Yards in Baltimore. The game was preceded by a crab-eating barbecue kindly hosted at the home of Kaylin Lapsa. Attendees included Dave Levy; David Nagib; Ali Leshik; Brian Kelly; Meredith DuMais MA'07; Taylor Heyen; John Sauter; Caroline Park '08; Jessica Fazekas; Pauline Khamo; Bill Connors '00; Alanna Wong; Edgar Valdez '04,

MA'05; James McLaughlin '05; Elana Western '05; Ted Serra; Allison Miller '05; Tony DiMeo; and Tina Corea. The group was lucky to see Manny Ramirez hit the 500th home run of his career at the game. Thanks also go to the BC Alumni Association's Baltimore Chapter and chapter leader Kevin Kenny '86, who was a gracious host when the group made it to Baltimore. • We wish all members of the Class of 2006 a safe and happy summer!

2007

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Katherine Adam's senior thesis was adapted into a book, *The New Feminized Majority: How Democrats Can Change America with Women's Values* (Paradigm, 2008). Co-written with her advisor, Charles Derber, the book became available nationwide in April. • Matt Ryan was drafted third overall in the 2008 NFL draft by the Atlanta Falcons, which was the highest professional sports draft pick of a Boston College athlete. • Jeff Gardner is living in New York City and working as a paralegal for Atlantic Records. • Jonathan Moreland has recently been hired at Schneider Associates, a Boston-based PR firm. He will be an account coordinator for the corporate communications and public affairs groups. Jonathan previously held a sales and event coordinator position at ARA-MARK Fenway Park Premium Services in Boston. He also had internships at Compete Inc., where he analyzed market research

She planned to be on set in Albuquerque for the summer. • Michael Beirnard, a graduate of the BC Honors Program, is now serving with the Peace Corps on the island of Grenada in the Caribbean.

2008

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Class of 2008, congratulations on your graduation, and welcome to the ranks of Boston College alumni! We would love to hear from you as you embark on new adventures, begin careers, and continue to connect with BC classmates and friends. Send us your news! • We are also seeking a correspondent for the Class of 2008. If you would like to serve your alma mater in this capacity, please contact Betsy McLain at bcaacomm@bc.edu.

CARROLL SCHOOL

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William J. Poutsiaka, MBA'77, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Transatlantic Holdings Inc. He is the retired president and CEO of PanAgora Asset Management, a quantitative investment advisory firm. Previously, he was president and CEO of Arkwright Mutual Insurance Company, a global property insurance and risk management company. • Frank P. Gatto,

Matt Ryan was drafted third overall in the 2008 NFL draft by the Atlanta Falcons.

industry trends, and O'Neill and Associates, where he worked on accounts such as J.P. Licks and RCN Corporation. He graduated from BC with a major in communication. • Christopher Leuchten recently accepted a position as a field organizer with the Alaska Democratic Party in Juneau, AK. He was previously employed by Maryland PIRG. • Kathryn Moeller is working as an assistant to the producer Moritz Borman with the production company Onda Entertainment in Los Angeles.

MBA '78, is executive vice president, operations, at Dallas-based Idearc Inc., where he served as interim CEO earlier this year. • Cognex Corporation has promoted Justin Testa, MBA '80, to executive vice president. Cognex designs and produces machine vision sensors and systems. • G. William Wetmore, MBA '90, has been named vice president, relationship management, at Southborough-based ikaSystems, a provider of technology to automate business transactions. • In May, Fay Donohue, MBA'80, president and CEO

of Delta Dental of Massachusetts, was elected to serve on the Associated Industries of Massachusetts board. Fay also serves as a trustee of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and as a director of the National Association of Dental Plans and Boston's Operation A.B.L.E. • David Guinta, MBA'91, president and CEO of Natixis Global Associates, has assumed leadership positions with several of the company's funds. He now serves as president and CEO of Natixis Funds Trusts and Hansberger International Series, president of Loomis Sayles Funds II, and executive vice president of Loomis Sayles Funds. • Gordon Nasta, MBA '91, has been named managing director of strategy, process, and transformation solutions, Management Consulting Solutions Group, at BearingPoint Inc., management and technology consultants. • Bain Capital has appointed former DSP Merrill Lynch banker Amit Chandra, MBA '93, as its country head and managing director for India. • Laura Hindy, MBA'93, recently was promoted to director of strategy, planning, and process for North America Information Technology at General Motors. • John and Jacqueline Rushton Gill, MBA'97, welcome the newest addition to their family, Egan Patrick, who was born on May 29, joining his brother Jack Rushton (3). • On February 29, after serving for 20 years, Major Douglas Cutter, MBA'98, has retired from the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He last served as the senior intelligence officer for the 26th Brigade Combat Team. Earlier he had been deployed overseas in support of the War on Terror in Guantánamo Bay and NATO peacekeeping in Bosnia, and, for contributions over a 20-year career, he received the MI Corps Association's Knowlton Award. Douglas is now a risk and control manager for a global financial services corporation. He, his wife, America, and daughter Camila reside in Boston. • Dominique (Ponzi) Bernardo, MBA/MSW'99, gave birth to a son, Xavier Francis, in December 2007. • Kenneth Masse, MS'99, has joined Invesco Quantitative Strategies as a client portfolio manager, based in Boston. He was previously a portfolio manager for PanAgora Asset Management. • Tara Rice, Ph.D.'03, a financial economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, was the keynote speaker at the 2008 WAUSAU Customer Conference in April. • James Foley, MBA'07, recently accepted a position as a consultant at Palladium in Boston, where he has been working since October 2007 as part of its strategy practice. • iRobot Corporation has named

John J. Leahy executive vice president and CFO. Previously, he served for 8 years as executive vice president and CFO at Keane Inc., an IT business consulting and outsourcing services company, and for 17 years in executive positions at PepsiCo.

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The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has named Mary Beth Esposito-Herr, MS'87, to the position of chief nursing officer. Previously, she was vice president of patient care services at the University of Maryland Medical Center, where she also held a joint appointment in the university's School of Nursing. Mary Beth earned her Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island.

GSAS

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Mary Ellen Pollard Fitzpatrick, MA'73, was one of six Massachusetts residents honored with the Medallion Award for Leaders of Distinction at a gala event sponsored by the Academy of Notre Dame, Tyngsboro. A resident of Tyngsboro and an alumna of the Academy of Notre Dame, Mary Ellen was selected in the business and finance category. She is senior vice president of corporate communications at Enterprise Bank and Trust Company in Lowell. • We received a beautiful letter from Breedy Parker upon the passing of her husband, **Richard Burbank "Dick" Parker**, Ph.D.'73, on March 5. She begins, "Long before the term 'global warming' became commonplace, Dick dedicated himself to moderating modern technology's impact upon the earth he so dearly loved... He led not only through meticulous professionalism as an economist, teacher, and environmentalist, but also by the consistent, quiet example of his daily choices." To read the full text of Breedy's tribute to this extraordinary man, please log on to the BC alumni online community. • Jody Lisberger, MA'78, is pleased to announce the publication of her story collection *Remember Love* (Fleur-de-Lis Press, 2008), which the *Louisville Courier Journal* reviewed as "10 perfect tales." Jody has also been named the interim director

of the Women's Studies program at the University of Rhode Island, where she won a teaching excellence prize. In addition, her essay "DES and Diflucan: Pharmaceutical Marketing Choices—Why Women Should Take Heed" is forthcoming in *(Re)Interpretations: The Shapes of Justice in Women's Experience*, to be published by Cambridge Scholars Press. She'll also be presenting a woman's Vietnam war story, at the Mothering,

Services, where she implemented the only youth geriatric summer internship program in the state's elder services network. Catherine is president of the Advisory Council for the Greater Boston Step Association, a youth-run organization that she helped to incorporate. She is the senior advisor and a founder of the Morton Street Board of Commerce in Mattapan and also operates a business, Final Touch With Class Boutique. • Jillian

Catherine Hardaway, MSW'93, executive director of Central Boston Elder Services, was honored as a 2008 Massachusetts Community Unsung Heroine.

Violence, Militarism, War, and Social Justice Conference in Toronto in October. You can e-mail her at jodylis@verizon.net. • Marsha Smith, MA'89, has founded a not-for-profit organization, Normandy Allies Inc., which conducts an annual educational trip to Normandy. The focus of the trip is the 1944 landings and liberation. Her work was recently profiled in the Rochester, NY, *Democrat & Chronicle* newspaper. • Joseph T. La Ferlita, MA'98, an associate at the law firm of Farrell Fritz PC, has been named chairman of the Special Committee on E-Filing for the New York State Bar Association's Trusts and Estates Law Section. Joseph earned his JD from St. John's University School of Law and his BS from Fairfield University. He lives in New York City, where he is pursuing an LL.M. degree in taxation at New York University School of Law. • In June, Point Carbon, a provider of consulting services for governments and companies in the global power, gas, and carbon markets, announced that Mark Sarro, Ph.D.'00, will co-manage their newly opened Boston office. Mark joined Point Carbon in May as a director for advisory services.

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In recognition of her leadership serving elders and youth for more than 30 years, Catherine Hardaway, MSW'93, was honored as a 2008 Massachusetts Community Unsung Heroine at a ceremony at the Massachusetts State House on May 14. Catherine is the executive director of Central Boston Elder

Agostino, MSW'06, has founded and directed a fundraiser in Cusco, Peru, called Bringing Basics Back. With the funds raised, they were able to build an addition onto an underprivileged Peruvian school, get the school running water, and provide educational and clinical materials for all the children. • Clifford Scott has been named academic dean at New England College of Optometry, where he has taught since 1970. Currently, he is serving as chair of the college's Department of Community Health. Clifford was previously chief of the optometry section at the Veteran's Administration Center in West Roxbury and clinic director of the Massachusetts Laborers' Vision Center, and he also ran a private practice in Newport, RI.

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Elizabeth Greene Roos, M.Ed.'90, has been promoted to principal of West Elementary

OBITUARIES

School in Andover, after serving as assistant principal for 13 years and teaching fifth and sixth grades there for 11 years. An Andover resident, Liz received her bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Connecticut College, a master's degree in educational technology from Boston College, and a certificate of administration from Northeastern University. • **David McGowan**, M.Ed.'66, is now semiretired after a four-decade career of direct patient care and administration and management in hospitals, clinics, and rehabilitation centers. He is currently licensed as a soccer and ice hockey referee, officiating minor professional and senior amateur games in the United States and Europe.

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Donald Harney '62 and his wife attended a reception for Fr. James Woods, SJ, '54, MAT'61, STB'62, on his 60th anniversary as a Jesuit. • **John Mackey** '77 is practicing law in Everett, and he resides in Nahant. John reports that he is the proud dad of Margaret (20) and John (18). • Congratulations to **Eleanor Lyons McCabe** '58 who became a Golden Eagle on Reunion Weekend. • In March, I received a very nice letter from **Pamela Redding Bretschneider** '75, Ph.D.'98, who also holds an M.Ed. from Framingham State. Pam and her husband, Andy, reside in Holliston. Her daughter Kimberly is 30 and her son Matthew is 21, and she is the proud grandmother of Sarah Anne (8). Pam currently has several positions. She directs the institutional research office at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, where she is also an adjunct faculty member and serves as cochair of the Institutional Effectiveness Committee. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Framingham State and Jones International University in Colorado. She teaches research methods courses around the country and online and is a course designer. At the present time, Pam is writing a new course for the Ed.D. program in qualitative research methods at Jones International University. In addition, she is collecting data for the authorized biography of Esther M. Wilkins, DMD, who is known all over the world as an authority on dental hygiene. Pam, I enjoyed hearing from you, and good luck with all your endeavors!

1930s

Ernest C. Conti '31 of Hampton, NH, on October 21, 2001.

Daniel P. Foley '38, MSW'47, of Arlington on April 24, 2008. A World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he leaves his wife, son, and three grandchildren.

Thomas F. Greene '38 of Milton on April 18, 2008. A World War II Army captain, he is survived by five children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Robert T. Griffin '39 of Chevy Chase, MD, on June 15, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran of D-day, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, he leaves his wife and four children.

Joseph P. Keating '36 of Natick on June 21, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, he is survived by his wife, 5 daughters, 14 grandchildren, and a brother.

Peter A. Kerr '39, JD'50, of Needham Heights on April 8, 2008. A retired commander in the Coast Guard and World War II veteran, he leaves five children and seven grandchildren.

Edward Kickham '36 of Saginaw, MI, on April 25, 2008. A battalion surgeon serving in the southwest Pacific during World War II, he leaves 8 children, 14 grandchildren, and a brother.

Andrew Lentine '39 of Medford on June 28, 2008. A Navy veteran of World War II, he is survived by three brothers, two children, and five grandchildren.

Nicholas L. Santacross '36 of Wollaston on April 5, 2008. A general surgeon for over 40 years, he is survived by his wife, 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Arnold L. Shriber, JD'35, of Canton on March 30, 2008. A World War II veteran, he is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

Francis A. Sullivan Jr. '35 of South Yarmouth on March 15, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran and retired district fire chief of the Boston Fire Department, he leaves three children.

Ralph R. Worth '39 of Glen Cove, NY, on April 17, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran and long-time football coach, he leaves two children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

1940s

Paul A. Breslin '49 of Braintree on May 12, 2008. A schoolteacher for 35 years, he is survived by his daughter, two grandsons, and three sisters.

A. Joseph Callahan Jr. '45 of Beverly Farms on May 10, 2008. A Navy veteran during World War II and president of A. J. Callahan & Sons Inc., he leaves his wife, three children, two grandchildren, and a sister.

Wilfred DeRosa '49 of Maynard on May 4, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he is survived by five children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

George M. Dimond '43 of Leominster on May 31, 2008. A corporal with the Marine Corps during World War II, he leaves five children and four grandchildren.

Raymond P. Foley '40 of Springfield, VA, on November 25, 2007. He is survived by 8 children and 17 grandchildren.

Camille Gaulin '49, MS'50, of Huntington Beach, CA, on May 23, 2006. A member of the 101st Airborne division during World War II and a chemist, he leaves his wife, six children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

John J. Hart Jr. '42 of Framingham on April 30, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran and avid pianist, he is survived by his wife, four children, and six grandchildren.

Joseph C. Kelly '44 of West Harwich on June 2, 2008. A World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he is survived by his three daughters and six grandchildren.

Gerald A. Luttrell '49 of Newport Beach, CA, on March 15, 2008. An Air Corps veteran of World War II, he leaves 2 sisters, 6 children, and 12 grandchildren.

John V. Mahoney '42 of Plymouth on August 12, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he leaves five children and eight grandchildren.

Bernard T. McCabe '49 of Needham on May 14, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he is survived by his wife, four daughters, two grandchildren, and two sisters.

Thomas W. Mullaney '49, M.Ed.'54, of Winchester on April 13, 2008. An Army veteran of World War II, he is survived by his wife, 4 children, and 10 grandchildren.

Thomas F. O'Leary, MSW'47, of Nashua, NH, on March 29, 2008. A Bronze and

Silver Star recipient for service in World War II, he leaves his wife, four children, and nine grandchildren.

Joseph Rinella '47 of Schenectady, NY, on August 7, 2007. An avid Boston Celtics and Red Sox fan, he leaves 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

Thomas J. Roche '49 of Wells, ME, on April 20, 2008. A World War II Army medic and FBI counterintelligence agent, he is survived by 7 children and 10 grandchildren.

George B. Savage '48 of Naples, FL, on March 23, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran and retiree of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, he leaves his wife, daughter, sister, and brother.

Martin J. Walsh '43 of Peabody on April 12, 2008. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, a longtime employee of United Shoe Machinery Corporation, he leaves his wife, 6 children, 3 sisters, and 10 grandchildren.

William R. Weiss Jr. '41 of Lexington on March 28, 2008. A veteran of World War II and Vietnam, the retired lieutenant colonel is survived by his wife and two brothers.

1950S

Benjamin H. Adler '58, of Belmont on May 20, 2008. He is survived by one child, two grandchildren, and two brothers.

Albert F. Allaire '51 of Foxboro on May 12, 2008. A World War II Army medic, he is survived by his wife, 4 children, and 10 grandchildren.

Charles R. Aronis '59 of Burlington on April 27, 2008. A Korean War veteran, he was co-owner of Aljane Insurance and Tax Service. He leaves his wife, four children, a brother, and seven grandchildren.

Lawrence W. Baker '58 of Quincy on April 9, 2008. A Korean War veteran and a long-time science teacher in Chelsea, he is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

John M. Boyle '56 of Holbrook on June 7, 2008. An avid golfer and sports fan, he is survived by his wife and son.

Bernard F. Brady '54 of Wilmington on May 17, 2008. A former counselor at Baldpate Hospital, he is survived by his wife and a brother.

Stanley K. Brockman '51 of Narberth, PA, on December 3, 2005. A retired professor of cardiothoracic surgery, he leaves his wife, four children, and six grandchildren.

Ruth J. Brown, MSW'57, of Sandpoint, ID, on May 29, 2008. A social worker for many years, she is survived by three siblings.

Andrew A. Caffrey, LLB'50, of Andover on March 23, 2008. A World War II veteran and former president of the Lawrence Bar Association, he leaves two children and six grandchildren.

Joseph A. Callero, M.Ed.'53, of Winthrop on April 14, 2008. An avid fan of BC football, he is survived by his two sisters.

Leo J. Casey '53 of Needham on June 1, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, he leaves his wife, four children, five grandchildren, and a sister.

Robert C. Cefalo '55 of Raleigh, NC, on April 22, 2008. A retired captain of the Navy Medical Corps, he leaves his wife, four children, and six grandchildren.

Charles Chiarenza '50 of Longwood, FL, on May 30, 2008. A World War II veteran and former Little League coach, he is survived by his wife, three sons, and three grandchildren.

James J. Collins, JD'58, of Milton on April 1, 2008. A former Norfolk County commissioner and World War II Navy veteran, he leaves his wife, six children, eight grandchildren, and two brothers.

Edwin F. Comerford '51 of Braintree on April 24, 2008. A retired hospital administrator and former president of the Chicago Kiwanis Club, he is survived by his sister.

James A. Conway '51 of Framingham on June 28, 2007.

Donald A. Daley '56 of Syracuse, NY, on January 12, 2007.

Joseph L. Dawson '50, M.Ed.'55, of Bedford on June 8, 2008. A Navy veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, he leaves his wife, two children, and two grandchildren.

Carol McDonald Day, M.Ed.'55, of Salem on April 21, 2008. A teacher, real estate agent, and avid golfer, she leaves her husband, 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and a sister.

Francis J. Donelan '50 of Enfield, CT, on April 3, 2008. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he is survived by his wife, five children, nine grandchildren, and two siblings.

Thomas A. Drohan '56 of Old Saybrook, CT, on January 1, 2007.

Thomas E. Duff '51 of North Eastham on April 6, 2008. A teacher for over 30 years in Weymouth and Orleans, he leaves his wife, 7 children, 18 grandchildren, and 3 siblings.

K. John Dyer '56, JD'59, of Manchester, NH, on May 1, 2008. A lawyer for the Social Security Administration until 1989, he leaves two cousins and many friends.

Francis G. Ermilio, JD'54, of Worcester on May 8, 2008. A World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he leaves 6 children, 11 grandchildren, and a sister.

Barbara M. Evangelista '57 of Revere on June 23, 2008. She is survived by her husband, daughter, granddaughter, and sister. Margaret K. Farrell, M.Ed.'54, of South Grafton on June 7, 2008. A resident of South Grafton for over 90 years, she leaves many nieces and nephews.

Margaret Randazzo Feleky, MSSW'57, of Somerset, NJ, on May 12, 2008. An active participant in numerous church groups, she leaves four children, seven grandchildren, and two siblings.

Robert J. Feroli '52 of Elkhart, IN, on April 6, 2008. A retired Army colonel and veteran of the Korean War, he leaves his wife, five children, seven grandchildren, and two sisters.

John A. Fiala '54 of Akron, OH, on May 14, 2008. He is survived by three sons, a grandson, and two siblings.

John F. Folan '55 of Willow Grove, PA, on May 4, 2008. An Army veteran who served in Korea, he is survived by his wife, daughter, granddaughter, and four siblings.

Robert J. Gallagher, JD'59, of Westborough on April 1, 2008. A former judge in Providence, he is survived by his wife, 6 daughters, 12 grandchildren, and a sister.

Robert E. Galvin '53 of Danvers on April 12, 2008. A Korean War veteran, he worked for John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company for over 35 years. He leaves his wife, six children, and six grandchildren.

James W. Gouthro '58 of Sun Lakes, AZ, on January 3, 2008. He is survived by his wife. **William J. Greene Jr.** '52 of Mountain View, CA, on December 21, 2007.

John J. Hallahan '51 of Manchester, NH, on June 14, 2008. A Navy veteran of World War II, he leaves his wife, five children, nine grandchildren, and a sister.

Henry B. Hamlin, MA'50, of Commack, NY, on October 7, 2003.

Francis X. Holland '57, MBA'60, of Pompano Beach, FL, on May 23, 2008. A former member of the Coast Guard, he leaves two children, three grandchildren, and two brothers.

Owen P. Keenan Jr., M.Ed.'50, of Milford on April 27, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he leaves his wife, three sons, eight grandchildren, and two siblings.

Cornelius H. Kelley '53 of Santa Barbara, CA, on May 13, 2007. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, and three sisters.

Dyson William Kring '50 of Holliston on April 21, 2008. A World War II veteran and trombone player for the Boston Pops and the Boston Symphony Orchestra, he leaves five children.

Arthur C. Laganas '54 of Hollis, NH, on October 11, 2001.

Gerald J. Leaver '51, MA'52, of Stoughton on May 10, 2008. A Purple Heart recipient for service in World War II, he is survived by his wife, four children, and eight grandchildren. **Martin P. MacDonnell, SJ**, '53, MA'61, of Weston on May 27, 2008. He leaves numerous nieces and nephews.

David L. Manning '59 of Hartford, CT, on March 22, 2008. A former Fulbright Scholar, high-school teacher, and vice principal, he is survived by his wife, two children, and five siblings.

Robert E. McAuliffe, CFX, MA'54, of Danvers on June 2, 2008. A member of the Congregation of Xaverian Brothers for more than 66 years, Bro. Dismas was a teacher and administrator.

William J. McDonough '53 of Oakdale, MN, on April 7, 2008. An active member of St. Peter Claver Parish, he leaves his wife, 10 children, and 13 grandchildren.

John R. McGrath '57 of Norwood on April 28, 2008. Employed in both the automotive and real estate industries, he leaves his wife, five daughters, and two brothers.

Robert E. McIntyre '55 of Westwood on April 1, 2008. A thoracic surgeon, he is survived by his wife, 9 children, 17 grandchildren, and 5 siblings.

Gerald F. McNally '51 of Titusville, FL, on January 28, 2008. A former sales director in the steel wire and cable industry, he leaves his wife, 3 children, and 17 grandchildren.

John W. Miskell '52 of Harwich on May 3, 2008. A Naval Air Force veteran, he is survived by his sister and six nieces and nephews. **Charles F. X. Murphy**, JD'55, of Falmouth on April 24, 2008. A Korean War veteran and formerly with the FBI, he is survived by his wife, 5 children, and 12 grandchildren.

John Q. Neenan '53 of Framingham on April 13, 2008. An Army veteran, he is survived by his wife, children, and many grandchildren. **Victor J. Newton Jr.** '58 of Fairfield, CT, on July 14, 2005. A professor at Fairfield University, he leaves his wife, five children, three grandchildren, and two siblings.

Donald W. O'Brien '58 of Lowell on May 26, 2008. An OMI missionary oblate priest for 43 years, he is survived by a sister.

Francis J. O'Driscoll '53 of North Dartmouth on June 2, 2000.

George Osganian '50 of South Chatham on May 18, 2008. A Navy veteran of World War II, he is survived by his wife, three children, nine grandchildren, and a brother.

Rose Marie Ouellet, SUSC, MA'56, of North Attleboro on April 29, 2008. A Holy Union sister since 1931, she was a high-school teacher and provincial superior of the Groton Province.

Alphedor J. Perreault '52 of New Britain, CT, on April 8, 2008. An Army veteran and Eagle Scout, he is survived by his wife, four sons, two grandchildren, and four siblings.

Ronald C. Pine '59, MS'63, of Everett on April 20, 2008. A retiree of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, he leaves two children, a granddaughter, and three siblings. **Virginia Correia Pinto** '50 of Tiverton, RI, on September 7, 2006. A nurse in Fall River and Attleborough, she is survived by five children, five grandchildren, and a sister.

Lilyann Mitchell Porter '59 of Larchmont, NY, on December 11, 2000. She is survived by three children and two siblings.

Vincent F. Raso '52 of Boston on June 1, 2008. An active member of his church and community, he is survived by his wife, four children, eight grandchildren, and four siblings.

Paul E. Rugg '50 of Nashua, NH, on April 3, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, he is survived by his wife, two children, three grandchildren, and a brother.

John J. Santisi Jr. '51 of Salem on September 22, 2004.

Stephen J. Sedensky Jr., JD'54, of Bridgeport, CT, on May 29, 2008. A veteran of the Army 69th Infantry and an attorney, he is survived by his wife, 7 children, and 16 grandchildren. **Bertrand E. Shannon** '50 of Norwood on May 12, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he leaves eight children, one brother, and many grandchildren.

Lawrence J. Sindoni '59 of North Weymouth on April 14, 2008. An Army veteran and avid fisherman, he is survived by his wife, two children, nine grandchildren, and three siblings.

Marie Mauriello Smolinsky '57 of Braintree on November 21, 2006. She is survived by two daughters, two sisters, and five grandchildren.

George A. Strom Jr. '58 of Shrewsbury on April 4, 2008. An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, he leaves his wife, three children, seven grandchildren and four siblings.

Loise Zanzucchi Sullivan, MSW'54, of Surfside Beach, SC, on April 25, 2008. A lifelong political activist and advocate for the poor, she leaves her husband, 4 children, and 11 grandchildren.

Eugene E. Sweeney III '56 of Nashua, NH, on April 22, 2008. A longtime math teacher and Boston Bruins season ticket holder for 45 years, he leaves many cousins and friends.

Joan A. Toner '56 of Colorado Springs, CO, on June 11, 2008. An active volunteer in adult literacy programs, she is survived by her three children and two grandchildren.

Harry H. Trask Jr. '52 of Holliston on May 11, 2008. He is survived by his wife, three children, seven grandchildren, and two sisters.

John J. Tuohey '57 of Fayetteville, NC, on May 22, 2008. A foreign service officer with the State Department, he is survived by 4 sons and 12 grandchildren.

Joseph J. Walsh, JD'50, of West Roxbury and Naples, FL, on April 14, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he leaves his wife, two sons, four grandchildren, and two sisters. **Benson Williams** '51 of Holden on April 24, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran and avid golfer, he is survived by his wife, two children, and three grandchildren.

William R. York Jr. '59 of Boston on June 9, 2008. A senior vice president of Citizen's Financial Corp. and vice president of the Bank of Tokyo, he leaves a sister and a large extended family.

1960s

Allen C. Abbott '66 of Middle Haddam, CT, on March 27, 2008. A former Marine and loyal New York Giants fan, he is survived by his wife, daughter, and granddaughter.

Anthony M. Baldwin '64 of Hinsdale, IL, on January 15, 2008. He is survived by his wife, 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 6 siblings.

John J. Baum '67 of Silver Spring, MD, on January 22, 2008. He is survived by his brother and sister.

Pauline G. Beaudoin, M.Ed.'64, of Waterville, ME, on April 7, 2008. A former school principal, she is survived by her sister.

John M. Brennan '68 of San Francisco, CA, on July 29, 2005. He is survived by his sister.

Olive Simard Byrne, MS'61, of Leominster on June 16, 2008. A former faculty member of the Children's Hospital School of Nursing, she is survived by a brother, two stepchildren, and a granddaughter.

Catherine A. Campbell, M.Ed.'69, of Pittsburgh, NY, on May 5, 2008. A third-grade teacher for almost 30 years, she is survived by her sister.

Valerie Clark NC'69 of Cornish, NH, on March 17, 2008.

Paul J. DeSimone '64 of Putnam, CT, on May 23, 2008. An Army veteran of Vietnam, he is survived by his wife, children, seven grandchildren, and three siblings.

George E. Dewey Jr. '63 of Orlando, FL, on February 19, 2008. An Army veteran of Vietnam, he leaves his three children, granddaughter, mother, and six siblings.

John J. Driscoll '64 of Arlington on May 8, 2008. A manager at UPS for over 30 years, he is survived by 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 2 sisters.

Robert P. Dunbar, MA'67 of Gloucester on April 21, 2008. A retired history professor

at UMass Boston, he is survived by his wife, three sons, and four grandchildren.

Evangeline J. Dufault, SASV, M.Ed.'68, of Petersham on May 30, 2008. A parochial schoolteacher for over 30 years, she leaves her brother.

Daniel B. Eck '64 of Conyers, GA, on June 2, 2008.

Matthew K. Garvey, JD'69, of Naples, FL, on December 15, 2007.

William W. Gentile '60 of Old Orchard Beach, ME, on March 31, 2008. A former school principal, he leaves his wife, 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 brothers.

Francis M. P. Giglio '67 of Norwell on April 4, 2008. He is survived by his wife, two children, two grandchildren, his mother, and three brothers.

Alfred S. Goscinak '67 of Gloucester on March 26, 2008. Owner of the schooner Appledore III, he is survived by his wife and children.

Elizabeth L. Greene '65 of Boston on May 10, 2008. A registered nurse, she is survived by three children, two grandchildren, her mother, and two sisters.

Robert W. Harrington '61 of Arlington on March 27, 2008. A runner of 25 marathons, he is survived by his wife, three children, and four grandchildren.

Alice Patricia Harvey, MS'60, of Pittsburgh, PA, on March 29, 2008. A member of the Sisters of Charity for 75 years, she was a nurse, teacher, and administrator.

Anne C. Johnson '66 of Framingham on May 23, 2008. A registered nurse for more than 40 years, she is survived by her husband, sister, and brother.

Peter Kalustian Jr. '63 of Chatham, NJ, on January 6, 2008. A business executive with the International Travel Bureau, he is survived by his wife.

Moira Sullivan Kelly '67 of Bryn Mawr, PA, on May 24, 2008. A graduate of the School of Nursing, she is survived by her husband, four children, and four siblings.

Richard J. Kelly '69 of Roslindale on June 6, 2008. A 1st lieutenant with the Army during the Vietnam War, he leaves his daughter, his fiancée, and seven siblings.

John P. Kilcommis '62 of Houston, TX, April 7, 2008. A founding member of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, he leaves his wife, two sons, two granddaughters, and two siblings.

Dorothy M. Knight, MA'66, of Wellesley Hills on December 10, 2007.

William J. Mahoney Jr. '62 of Swainton, NJ, on April 2, 2008. An Army veteran and an employee of Ford Motor Company for over 30 years, he leaves three children and three grandchildren.

Eleanor Curtin McCarthy '63 of North Falmouth on March 26, 2008. A former president of the Hyannis Chamber of Commerce, she leaves three sons, four grandchildren, and two sisters.

Lawrence J. McDonough '65, MS'69, of Slidell, LA, on March 24, 2008. A Triple Eagle and an oceanographer, he worked for the Naval Oceanographic Office at Stennis Space Center for 40 years.

Kevin J. McGinty '69 of Quincy on May 29, 2008. An attorney in Boston for more than 30 years, he is survived by his brother and sister.

Patrick J. McLaughlin '62 of Everett on April 5, 2008. A retired store manager and Marine reservist, he leaves his wife, four children, nine grandchildren, and three siblings.

James F. McManus '65 of Lincoln, CA, on May 13, 2008. A Marine who served in Korea, he was CFO of GTE Government Systems. He leaves his wife, two children, and four grandchildren.

Joan Kenary Murphy NC'65 of Rutland on March 29, 2008. A schoolteacher and avid traveler, she leaves her husband, two daughters, four grandchildren, and three siblings.

Mary R. Payson '62 of Millis on April 30, 2008. A lieutenant with the Navy Nurse Corps during World War II, she leaves her son, two grandchildren, and brother.

Peter E. Piche, JD'65, of New York, NY, on May 8, 2007. He is survived by his daughter, four sisters, and a brother.

Garret T. Reagan '63 of Scituate on June 17, 2008. An economics professor at Emmanuel College and longtime Hingham High School hockey coach, he leaves his wife, daughter, and four siblings.

William A. Scaring '60 of Beckley, WV, on May 19, 2008. An ob-gyn, he served with the Navy for 37 years. He is survived by his wife, 4 children, 14 grandchildren, mother, and sister.

Herbert D. Schofield '61 of Needham on April 21, 2008. An Army veteran, he is survived by his wife, three children, four grandchildren, and two sisters.

Edward C. Smith '60 of Melrose on April 12, 2008. A former BC hockey captain, he is survived by his wife, son, two grandchildren, and two siblings.

William J. Snow '61 of La Porte, IN, on March 9, 2006. A World War II Navy veteran, he is survived by his wife, 6 children, 10 grandchildren, and a sister.

James J. Unger '64 of Washington DC on April 2, 2008. He was a highly successful debate coach at Georgetown University and a former director of the National Forensics Institute.

Nicholas C. Vertullo '60 of Murphy, NC, on January 22, 2007. A high-school teacher, he played baseball at the Heights and was inducted into the Boston College Hall of Fame. He leaves his wife, 5 stepchildren, 2 sisters, and 10 grandchildren.

Mary Wade-Heller '61 of Canton, on May 17, 2008. A traveler and cyclist, she leaves her husband, 6 children and stepchildren, 11 grandchildren, and 3 siblings.

1970S

William L. Barry '70 of Somerville on January 17, 2008. He is survived by his five children, nine grandchildren, and two sisters.

Janet E. Brazinski '79 of Mantoloking, NJ, on April 28, 2008. A captain for the Boston College tennis team, she leaves her husband and two sons.

Louis O. Caporiccio '74, M.Ed.'79, of Humarock on August 29, 2007. A teacher in the Brockton public school system, he leaves his partner and siblings.

John F. Collins '71 of Holyoke on April 13, 2008. He is survived by several cousins and close friends.

Michael T. Collins, M.Ed.'72, of Medway on May 16, 2008. A former international program director at the Perkins School for the Blind, he leaves his wife, three children, a grandson, and seven siblings.

Elizabeth Geraghty Dowd '72 of Lexington on April 25, 2008. A retired director of Roxbury Crossing Department of Public Welfare, she leaves her sister.

David V. Esposito '72 of Hamden, CT, on September 2, 2005.

James F. Gilbert '78 of Providence, RI, on February 14, 2008. A journalist for the *Kuwait Times*, he is survived by his parents, three siblings, and two nieces.

Sandra E. Heenehan '74 of Lowell on April 19, 2008. She leaves her mother, brother, and two sisters.

Gerald J. LeBlanc '72 of Lynn on December 25, 2004.

Charles R. Logan '73 of Lakewood, NJ, on May 25, 2008. A business manager in the Jersey Shore area, he leaves his son and five siblings.

Stephen T. Lowell '77 of Providence, RI, on May 18, 2008. A Boston College track record holder, he is survived by his mother and three siblings.

Lincoln D. Lynch, D.Ed.'76, of Middleboro on June 12, 2008. An Army veteran of Korea and longtime school superintendent, he leaves his wife, 7 children, 2 siblings, and 20 grandchildren.

Raymond J. Mackoul Jr. '72 of Cumru, PA, on May 3, 2008. A Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" in 2005 and 2006, he is survived by his wife, mother, son, sister, and step-siblings.

Jane McArdle, JD'78, of Melrose on August 8, 1987. A member of the Massachusetts Bar Association Board of Overseers, she is survived by her mother, brother, and sister.

Richard D. Parker, Ph.D.'73, of Camden, ME, on March 5, 2008. An economic analyst and environmentalist, he leaves his wife, four children, sister, and six grandchildren.

William J. Sullivan '76 of Chicago, IL, on August 11, 2007.

Karen Tatum Thomas NC'74 of Shrewsbury on December 5, 2007. A former financial advisor with New York Life, she leaves her husband, son, mother, six siblings, and four grandchildren.

Perry Varner, JD'76, of Selma, AL, on April 7, 2000. An Army veteran of Vietnam and a county commissioner, he leaves his wife, four children, and eight siblings.

1980s

Ellen E. Castle, Ph.D.'84, of Cambridge on May 4, 2008. She leaves her husband, two children, grandson, and sister.

Shawn P. Cotter, JD'89, of Abington on December 17, 2007. A principal in the law firm Cotter and Cotter, he leaves his wife, three children, mother, and six siblings.

Hugo Duran Jr. '84 of San Diego, CA, on April 25, 2008. An officer in the Navy, he is survived by his wife and daughter.

Lauren A. Guerette '83 of Tampa, FL, on April 29, 2008. She leaves her husband, two daughters, her parents, and two brothers.

Carol Wisnom Kastner '82 of Granite Bay, CA, on April 16, 2008. An avid traveler, she is survived by her husband, three children, parents, and brother.

Thomas M. Laz, MS'81, of Kenilworth, NJ, on June 2, 2008. A Fellow in the Informatics Department at Schering-Plough, he leaves his wife, son, parents and brother.

Nancy Stoll Lyman, MBA'87, of Wilmette, IL, on May 13, 2008. An active proponent for ovarian cancer research, she leaves her husband, 3 children, 10 siblings, and stepmother.

Kimberly McCaffrey Nelson, MS'83, of Pinole, CA, on March 30, 2008. A nurse, she is survived by her husband, two sons, her parents, and three brothers.

Helen K. Pflum, MA'88, of Springfield, IL, on February 16, 2008. A sister of the Ursuline Order for over 60 years, she leaves two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Frances Mary Sears, M.Ed.'80, of Framingham on April 21, 2008. A member of the Sisters of St. Joseph for 67 years, she leaves her sister and several nieces and nephews.

Robert B. Shields '81, MA'90, of Newton Highlands on June 9, 2008. An Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he leaves four children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1990s

Kathleen J. Adams '90 of Livermore, ME, on June 2, 2008. A librarian at Lawrence Academy in Groton, she leaves two daughters, five grandchildren, and two siblings.

Carol Ann Baer, Ph.D.'92, of Medfield on February 4, 2008. A nurse and nursing instructor at Boston College, she is survived by her husband and three siblings.

Edward A. Brennan, DBA'90, of Burr Ridge, IL, on December 27, 2007. A former chairman of Sears Roebuck, he leaves his wife, 6 children, and 19 grandchildren.

Ivan O. J. Caesar '91 of Orlando, FL, on April 27, 2008. A former NFL player with the Minnesota Vikings and Philadelphia Eagles, he leaves four children, a brother, and a sister.

Suzanne M. Donlin-Kelly, MS'90, Ph.D.'98, of Milton on May 8, 2008. She is survived by her husband, six children, two grandchildren, her mother, and four siblings.

James B. Faddis '99 of Los Angeles, CA, on May 14, 2008.

Kenneth Gaucher '92 of Foxborough on March 31, 2008. A clinical instructor at Faulkner Hospital, he is survived by his sister and two nieces.

Laurence P. Harrington, JD'94, of Norfolk on March 30, 2008. A partner at Miller and Harrington LLP, he is survived by his wife, two daughters, and six siblings.

Kristen E. Prendiville, MSW'93, of Cambridge on April 13, 2008. A volunteer in the aftermath of both the 2004 tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, she leaves her parents and many other relatives.

Lashon Rhodes '95 of St. Louis, MO, on August 10, 2007. An attorney for the U.S. Probation Service, she leaves her parents and her brother.

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Livingston D. Davies, JD'02, of Willingboro, NJ, on March 18, 2008. A self-employed entrepreneur and Eagle Scout, he leaves his wife, three children, his parents, and three siblings.

Timothy J. Russert, H'04, of Washington DC on June 13, 2008. The NBC News Washington Bureau chief and host of *Meet the Press*, he leaves his wife, son, father, and three sisters.

FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

- **John L. Zimka**, professor of accounting and finance for 25 years, on April 28, 2008, at age 90.
- **Jane E. Leeming**, associate director of health services from 1983 to 1991, on April 29, 2008, at age 78. She is survived by her daughter Nicola; sons Simon, Nigel, Rupert, and Gregory; brother David Hayes; and 14 grandchildren.
- **Marc Fried**, professor of psychology for 35 years, on May 11, 2008, at age 85. He is survived by his wife Joan; daughters Susana, Diana, and Lise; son Alan; sister Rose Slavin; and three grandchildren.
- **Thomas F. Devine**, who joined Boston College in 1994 and served as vice president of facilities management since 2002, on June 20, 2008, at age 55. He is survived by his wife Carol; sons Jeffrey and Eric; sisters Marilyn Mazzeo and Patricia Lage; and brother James.

The obituary section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. The section includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information to: Office of University Advancement, More Hall 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

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INVESTING IN BOSTON COLLEGE'S FUTURE

TECH SAVVY ASSESSMENT

Associate Professor Michael Russell, M.Ed.'94, Ph.D.'99, has long been fascinated by educational assessment. How do teachers know what their students can do and what they need to develop further? What kinds of tests effectively and fairly measure academic performance and achievement by students?

Like many at the Lynch School of Education, Russell believes new technology can have a particularly strong impact on these questions. And, as founder and chief editor of the BC-based *Journal of Technology, Learning, and Assessment*, Russell has positioned himself at the forefront of research to understand how technology can both provide assessment tools and improve student performance.

In particular, Russell and his colleagues are researching such issues as the differences in results between computer-based and paper-and-pencil tests, as well as between automated and human scoring of essays. They're also investigating the effect of computer use on student writing, "digital literacy," and how computers might enable learning programs for individual students.

"Rapid change in technology is a constant in our future," says Russell, "and we need both to use technology effectively and to understand the effects it has on education."

Russell, while using and studying state-of-the-art technology, is part of a long tradition of educational assessment at Boston College. For nearly 30 years, the Center for the Study



Associate Professor Michael Russell studies how new technology can provide improved educational assessment tools and positively influence student performance.

of Testing, Evaluation, and Educational Policy (CSTEEP) at the Lynch School has been an umbrella research organization for a range of endeavors that analyze assessment. Since 1980, faculty members affiliated with CSTEEP have conducted studies and provided reports on such issues as "high-stakes testing" that have garnered national

attention. CSTEEP associates have testified before government panels and in court cases in several states related to testing and assessment.

Russell is a CSTEEP senior research associate and also serves as director of the Technology and Assessment Study Collaborative affiliated with CSTEEP.

FORMULA FOR AN AUSPICIOUS FUTURE

As a chemistry major at the junction of the '60s and '70s, John LaMattina '71, P'03, studied during what he half-facetiously calls the "dark ages," in terms of facilities for science. As a University trustee, the noted chemistry researcher and retired Pfizer Inc. executive now sees not only "excellent" facilities for science at his alma mater, but also "outstanding" faculty members and an auspicious future.

"I believe Boston College could become the preeminent Catholic university in science education," he says.

To help further that prospect, John and Mary LaMattina have

pledged \$1 million to supplement the LaMattina Family Fellowship in Chemistry, which provides fellowships to doctoral students, preferably in synthetic organic chemistry.

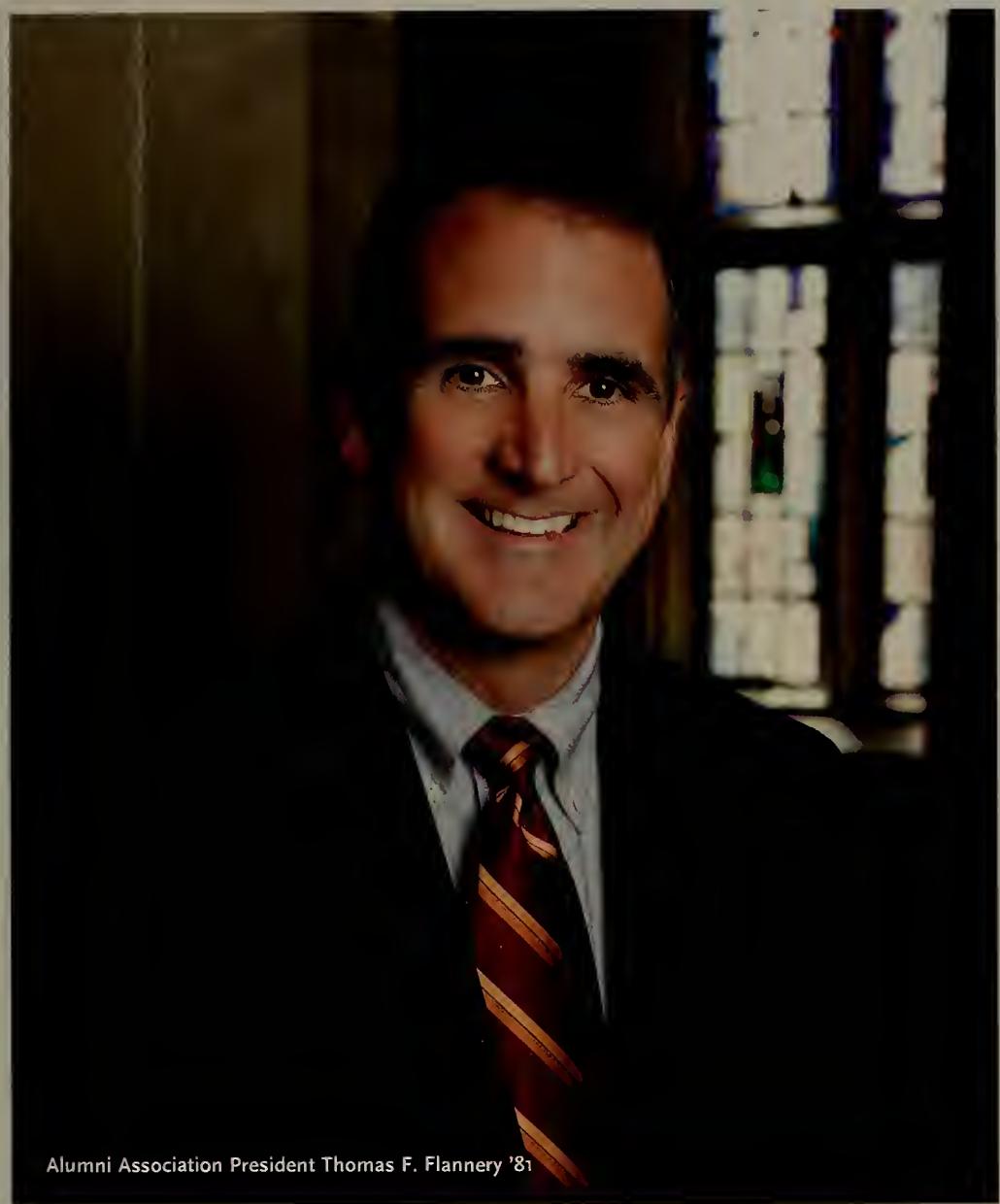
John, a native of Brooklyn, New York, had received a tuition scholarship to attend Boston College. "So we've been looking for ways to pay that back," he says. "I worked with Amir [Hoveyda, Vanderslice Millennium Professor of Chemistry and department chair] and we agreed fellowships to graduate students would be the best way."

Support for graduate study will help secure the growing prominence of the chemistry program, which graduated 22 doctoral students in 2007—far more than in any other single field at the University. Ten years earlier, only seven students earned the same degree. Chemistry faculty members also received \$5.6 million in externally sponsored research in 2006-07, compared to \$3.8 million a decade before.

These successes have helped BC's organic chemistry program place 18th in the most recent *U.S. News* rankings of graduate programs in chemistry (2007),

while the overall department was ranked 50th.

John's own career path mirrored the upward trajectory of BC's chemistry program. After graduation, he received his doctorate from the University of New Hampshire and spent two years as a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow at Princeton. He joined Pfizer in 1977 and held positions of increasing responsibility for Pfizer Central Research. He retired as senior vice president for worldwide development in 2007. He received the 1998 Boston College Alumni Award of Excellence in science.



Alumni Association President Thomas F. Flannery '81

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

Surveys have shown that Boston College has some of the most loyal and dedicated alumni of any university in the country. As president, my plan is to partner with the Alumni Association and the BC Fund to continue engaging our tremendous alumni population in as many ways as we can. I expect my presidency to be an active one—be it accompanying Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations John Feudo and University President William P. Leahy, SJ, on visits to alumni across the country; attending chapter and sporting events; or promoting the importance of alumni giving back to their alma mater.

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT YOUR UPCOMING TENURE?

Put simply, BC is a thrilling place to be these days. I have great faith in the Institutional Master Plan and Strategic Plan and the leadership involved to effect the positive changes they promise. I appreciate how the plans touch on all aspects of the University's life, with equal focus on capital improvements, student formation, the attraction and retention of top faculty, and academic excellence. Not the least among them is BC's goal to become the leading Catholic university in the world. Our strong Ignatian tradition is one in which students and alumni alike can readily share.

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DID YOU KNOW. . .

Boston College seniors have participated in the Senior Class Gift campaign since the 1960s, when alumni volunteer James F. Stanton '42 helped establish the first program of its kind at BC in the hope of inspiring lifelong giving to the University. This year, led by a committee of 40 students, the Class of 2008 became part of this tradition of giving—and exceeded all recent participation rates.

SENIOR CLASS GIFT PARTICIPATION RATES:

Class of 2008	45%
Class of 2007	30%
Class of 2006	27%
Class of 2005	35%
Class of 2004	39%
Class of 2003	38%

The success of this year's campaign shows the increasing recognition among the student body that they have a responsibility to support Boston College. As Alexandra Faklis '08, this year's chair of the Senior Class Gift Committee, notes, "It's important to give back so that others can benefit from a similar, if not better, BC experience."

Be part of BC's tradition of giving. Visit www.bc.edu/give or call 888-752-6438.

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WHILE YOU WAIT

by David Reich

Helping the time pass

Waiting in ticket lines, waiting on the telephone, waiting at restaurants: Service providers have long held the view that waiting angers customers. To lessen the aggravation of waiting, companies have come up with a variety of distractions, from computerized updates on how long the wait will be to cartoons on overhead screens (near the lines at Disney theme parks).

But do these sorts of strategies work for someone facing a stressful event—a root canal procedure, a CAT scan, or, in this post-9/11 era, an airplane flight? Elizabeth Gelfand Miller, an assistant professor of marketing at Boston College, suspected that people often use the delays preceding what she calls “aversive events” constructively, to prepare themselves mentally. In “Consumer Wait Management Strategies for Negative Service Events: A Coping Approach,” published in the February 2008 *Journal of Consumer Research*, Miller and coauthors Barbara E. Kahn (University of Miami) and Mary Frances Luce (Duke University) describe the results of experiments in which they tested the value of waiting.

In one study, they divided their subjects, 105 college students, into two groups. One group was told they would be delivering a speech before a roomful of classmates and that a public speaking expert would critique their presentation. The second group was told they would be listening to the speeches. The researchers further divided the two groups, with some students informed they would have a two-minute wait before the speeches and others advised their wait would be five minutes.

Afterwards, the subjects rated the stressfulness of their wait. Not surprisingly, students assigned to listen to the speeches experienced less stress with the shorter wait. But the response from subjects waiting to give a speech was quite different; they experienced more stress with the shorter wait than with the longer one.

“The combination of aversive events with short wait times,” Miller and her coauthors theorize, “may interrupt participants’ event-based coping strategies before they run to completion.” The implication: For clients of certain service providers—dentists, for example—some amount of waiting may be desirable.

In a two-part experiment designed to refine these results, Miller and her colleagues administered a standard psychological test—the Multidimensional Coping Inventory—to a fresh pool of subjects, to determine how, as individuals, they generally preferred to deal with impending stressful events. Did they favor avoidance—turning their thoughts toward denial, distractions, or wishful thinking? Or did they approach the prospect head-on by gathering information and formulating ways to reduce the stress?

In the other part of the experiment, the participants were split into two groups. Members of one group were told they would be viewing a disturbing film clip—a video of a missile attack on a passenger train in Kosovo, for example—while members of the other group were told they would be viewing a neutral or pleasurable clip (for instance, images from a weather satellite). All subjects waited at their computers for three minutes before the videos began; some received a digital countdown on their monitor.

For those awaiting the pleasant footage, the digital countdown seemed to help the time pass with less stress. But among those about to view the disturbing clip, the avoiders, in particular, were bothered by the countdown. “Duration information interferes with the coping efforts of avoidance-prone individuals,” said the authors. In other words, it’s hard to put a

future event out of mind when you’re constantly being reminded of it.

Miller, who identifies herself as “kind of an avoidance person,” says providers of potentially unpleasant services might help both types of customer deal with waits by offering a variety of coping options. Dentists or doctors, for example, can provide entertaining reading matter, such as current popular magazines, for distraction in their waiting room and—as some already do—discreetly supply brochures about dental or medical procedures as well, to help the approachers among their patients gather information.

Miller has another notion that she’d like to test in a future study: Could the right music in the waiting area reduce stress for everyone, regardless of coping strategy?





Loren in the Givaudan laboratory, New York City

The nose

by Jane Whitehead

Fragrance designer Trudi Loren '86

Trudi Siegmann Loren's worst enemy is a head cold. The smell of microwaved popcorn ruins her day. Scented beauty products and garlic are also off-limits for this fragrance designer, who is the "nose" behind a bouquet of best-selling perfumes including Donna Karan's Black Cashmere and Tommy Hilfiger's Dreaming. "My daily life is purposely unscented," says Loren, who keeps track of up to 30 fragrances in different stages of creation.

Loren is vice president for corporate fragrance development worldwide at the Estée Lauder Companies. She helps clothing designers and even car makers (Mustang) with whom Estée Lauder has licensing agreements translate marketing concepts into olfactory offerings. "The marketing team paints the picture with words," she says, "and I paint it with scent." (For Black Cashmere, the stress is on "scent with soul"; for Dreaming, "the sensation of falling in love.")

A biochemistry major, Loren learned the language of scent during a three-year apprenticeship at a French-owned fragrance company, where she started out as an analytical chemist. "You begin by smelling individual raw materials," she says, "all the citrus, all the flowers, all the woods"; a perfumer must be able to differ-

entiate at least 2,000 fragrances, natural and synthetic—from bergamot to frankincense—and learn how to combine them.

On a drizzly March afternoon, Loren, tall, slender, and chic in a short belted black trench coat, strides briskly a couple of blocks south from her office in midtown Manhattan to the U.S. headquarters of Givaudan, a Swiss multinational fragrance and flavoring company. The company is vying to develop a new fragrance for one of Loren's clients.

In a conference room, Loren delicately inhales the scents on a succession of six-inch-long white card strips, moving deliberately yet crisply through blends with working titles like "Fast Pussycat," "Empress," and "Fast and Fabulous." She delivers her verdicts with a fluency and decisiveness born of 20 years in the trade and in its native tongue. "What I am smelling would be a very interesting heart and back," she says of one blend of amber, iris, Madonna lily, plum, and incense, "but we go right into it too fast." She leaves the developers with instructions: "There needs to be much more of a floral, sparkling introduction."

Outside, the light rain has intensified the signature fragrance of a New York street: sugar-coated peanuts, slightly burned, with a background hint of pretzel.



"SEEING 5,000 ALUMNI RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR REUNION WEEKEND WAS EXTRAORDINARY. THE WIDESPREAD PARTICIPATION OF ALUMNI IN THEIR CLASS'S REUNION GIFT CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS THE DESIRE ALUMNI HAVE TO GIVE THANKS AND INVEST IN THIS GREAT UNIVERSITY. IT'S ONLY THROUGH ALL OF OUR CONTINUED ANNUAL SUPPORT THAT WE CAN SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE HEIGHTS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION."

— MICHAEL DEVLIN '88 (right), WITH THOMAS '88 AND CHRISTINA DURNEY '88

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PICTURED ABOVE: Michael Devlin, Thomas Durney, and Christina Durney served as cochairs of their 20th Reunion Gift Committee. Photograph by Lee Pellegrini

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